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MINUTES

OF THE

North Carolina

Local Minister's Association,

(M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,)

FOR NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

DURHAMS, N. C., AUGUST 26TH, 27TH, AND 28TH, 1870.

REV. BRANTLEY YORK, President. REV. L. BRANSON, Secretary and Treas'rer

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NOTE.—We have on our roll the names and addresses of nearly 200 Local Ministers, representing nearly every County in the State.

It is believed that there are at least 100 more whose names the Association has not yet obtained. Such as have not reported would do well to send in their names and addresses, before the next Annual meeting in July.

The Annual meeting for 1871 will be held at Hickory Tavern, on the Western N. C. Rail Road, commencing on Thursday and embracing the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th of July.

L. BRANSON, *Secretary.*

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OF THE

LOCAL MINISTER'S ASSOCIATION OF N. C.

DURHAMS, N. C. Aug. 26.

The Association met at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Methodist church. Rev. Brantley York was appointed temporary Chairman, and L. Branson temporary Secretary.

The services were opened with singing and prayer by the Chairman. The opening address, prepared by the Committee of Arrangements, R. L. Abernethy, J. A. McMannen and L. Branson, was called for, and read by the Secretary.

ADDRESS.

1. For several years past the public mind has been excited to its utmost tension on every other subject to the exclusion of religon. Now that the elements are quiet it becomes all christians of every name and order, to put forth the utmost moral exertions to regain the lost ground, and induce the very highest state of christian character.

2. To do this we want concentrated action—consolidated exertion—and a noble christian union, hence this association.

3. As Local Ministers we occupy a grand conservative platform, being at the same time essentially laymen while we hold credentials as Deacons and Elders, the highest commissions known in our Church.

This position gives us free and easy communication with the great body of the Church, as well as with the regular and paid pastors. It is always convenient to become laymen for the support of the Church, or to become temporary pastors when the flocks need extra attention. In this we have an exalted privilege, and should never fail to exercise it with dignity and humble gratitude to Almighty God.

4. An avaricious public cannot always recognize the paid pastor as a disinterested laborer nor do they always give the material support justly due him.

They are compelled, however, to concede to the local Minister benevolent

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emotions and hence we may reach a class not easily moved by the regular pastorate. On this account we may always be quite efficient in getting up the support of the Church and those fully understanding this avail themselves of this local influence, when money is to be raised.

5. Again it is peculiarly our province to carry christianity into the daily walks of business life. The world knows we labor for our daily bread, and if we show ourselves earnest christian ministers in the midst of these daily labors the influence can but be good. St. Paul labored and preached, and preached and labored to plant the everlasting gospel. Ours is the glorious privilege of imitating him.

6. Ours is peculiarly the Missionary branch of the Ministry. We go into the highways and hedges, and organize churches. Ours is agreat missionary church and we may accomplish a vast amount of good in support of domestic missions. We need not be ashamed of this work, nor covet the pay due to those that are unable to provide their own support. When we could be paid it is our right to become itinerant and receive regular wages. When we would avoid the unpaid labor of the missionary let us remember God has sent us to carry glad tidings and thus add to our crowns of rejoicing.

7. The good that has been done in the past and the golden opportunities now before us should inspire the Local Ministers to the very highest degree of energy.

No class of labor has been more earnest or unselfish, and none will probably receive a higher reward in the world to come.

Let us magnify our calling and glory in our field of usefulness. When we are tired of this it is our privilege to enter a different field.

8. It is the duty of every man in our class to accomplish as early as he may the regular course of study and receive the usual ordinations of Deacons and Elders so as to be more useful.

If we accomplish this in one and two years it will be our right to be ordained at the end of these periods, instead of four and eight years, and when we shall show ourselves worthy, the General Confidence (now partly of our class) will readily make this concession. Qualification and usefulness lay within our reach; let us arouse to the importance; then numbers and influence will compel attention.

9. The Local Ministery has ever been from John Wesley down, an essential element in planting Methodism. No modern church is so well organized as ours.

It is provided with machinery that runs WITH expense; but if means be wanting then the local, UNPAID force takes the field. Wesley used it to much advantage; it was eminently efficient in New York, Baltimore Philadelphia, and indeed wherever Methodism has been planted. The people know that they shall never be without the Ministry.

10. But we have still another office. Our order is the very nursery of the Itinerancy, and we are happy every year to send from our ranks numbers of young men who may spend their WHOLE TIME in working for the church.

All our pastors were once local. Our presiding Elders were of us. Our Bishops once passed examination before the Quarterly Conference as each one of us has done.

Ours is the college. These distinguished fathers of the church are alumni,

and we are proud of them. More than this, we are sure they will never turn with ingratitude to demolish their cherished Alma-Mater.

Many of the distinguished professors of the land, are Local men. Many of the fathers of the church, after long years of scant paid service, fall back into our ranks as honorary members. We should not be ashamed of our position nor despair of increased usefulness. On our right are our friends in the laity, dearly beloved,—on our left stand in lovely attitude, the half-paid itinerants, friends from choice, if not from necessity. O, how the field widens and the glory brightens! Our loyalty can never be questioned. Philip Embury, is well remembered as the founder of Methodism in New York, and the "introducer of a system which has beautified the earth with salvation, and increased the joys of Heaven." The records of Webb and Boardman, and Robert Strawbridge, and a host of others, are glorious pages in the history of the Local ministry. And we can allude with feeling, to many eminent and good men in our own State, such as the eloquent Thomas Lowe, the faithful and laborious Lane, Micajah Hill, and Jesse Lawrence of sacred memory, John Long of Greensboro', who fell in the pulpit last year. Culbreth and the Doubs, Van Eaton, and scores of others, have lived, labored, and passed triumphantly to the higher court.

We cannot complain of our destiny. Grand opportunities lie open to our zeal. We meet here to canvass the field—to review our forces—to fill again our pitchers from the well of Salvation, that we may go forth conquering and to conquer.

R. L. ABERNETHY,
J. A. McMANNEN,
L. BRANSON.
Com. of Arrangements.

Durhams, N. C., August 26th, 1870.

Rev. J. A. McMannen, D. C. Parish and Washington Duke were appointed a committee on Divine services.

The following names were reported and entered on the roll:

Brantley York, Ruffin Badger Institute; Solomon Pool, University of N. C.; Geo. W. Neal, Franklinton; R. L. Abernethy, Rutherford Seminary; F. R. Kaylor, Morganton; N. H. Kaylor, Tuttle's Cross Roads; Jas. L. Healan, Lenoir; Jno. Dorsey, Happy Home; Thomas A. Dorsey, Morganton; D. E. Warlick, Robert Hilton, Jacob's Fork; John M. McDowell, Lewis Phillips, Moore county; J. A. McMannen, Durhams; J. B. Floyd, Granville county; W. R. Webb, Roxboro; James Wagg, Jefferson; L. Branson, L. H. Gibbons, J. T. Harris, Raleigh; C. W. Westbrook, Ridgeway; David McNeil, Swan Station; Leonard Webb, Bostick's Mills; James B. Ballard, Montgomery county; Turner M. Jones, D. D., Warrenton.

Interesting papers were read from Geo. W. Neil, Turner M. Jones, D. D., Lewis Phillips, W. R. Webb, James Wagg, C. W. Westbrook, David McNeil, and James B. Ballard.

The business sessions were ordered to commence at 9 o'clock a. m., and adjourn at 11, for Divine services; meet at 3 and adjourn

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at or before 6 p. m. Rev. Brantley York was announced to preach at night. The morning session adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Exercises opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. Solomon Pool. Rev. T. J. Gattis and Rev. John Tillett, of the North Carolina Conference, were introduced to the Association, and invited to seats.

The following names were reported and entered on the roll:

A. A. Boshamer, Roxboro; T. L. D. Smith, Kittrells; James M. Watson, Lake Landing; Frank Sanford, Rockingham; Miles P. Owen, Oak Grove; T. S. Whittington, Pleasant Garden; Dr. P. C. Journey, Olin; Dr. E. L. Perkins, Newport; Thos. G. Whitaker, R. Harper Whitaker, Raleigh; J. A. McBride, Watauga county.

Papers were read from T. L. D. Smith, James M. Watson, Miles P. Owen, T. S. Whittington, Dr. P. C. Journey, and E. L. Perkins.

Officers elected for the ensuing year:

Brantley York, Ruffin Badger Institute, President.
Solomon Pool, University of N. C., 1st Vice President.
R. L. Abernethy, Rutherford Seminary, 2d Vice President.
Dr. E. L. Perkins, Newport, 3rd Vice President.
John A. Reagan, Reems Creek, 4th Vice President.
John Dorsey, Happy Home, 5th Vice President.
W. R. Webb, Roxboro, 6th Vice President.
Frank Sandford, Rockingham, 7th Vice President.
L. Branson, Raleigh, Secretary and Treasurer.

The remainder of the session was occupied in hearing verbal reports of missionary operations. Adjourned with benediction.

MORNING SESSION.

August 27th.

Opened with religious exercises by Rev. A. A. Boshamer. Minutes read and approved. The session was then taken up principally in hearing additional reports of missionary operations.

Adjourned for Divine service at 11 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with religious exercises by W. R. Webb. Minutes read and approved. Sunday school reports heard, and the following motion by J. A. McMannen was adopted:

RESOLVED, That while we as a body are not brought directly in contact with the great Sunday School enterprise, further than to give it our hearty approbation, we hope the time is not far distant when we as a body shall be able to bring our efforts to bear more directly on this great enterprise of the church, so as to embrace the thousands and tens of thousands of children, who are now denied this privilege, and thus bring them under the influence of our holy religion, and that we report our progress at the next annual meeting.

A long discussion now ensued looking to increased efficiency of the local ministry, which resulted in the following advisory resolutions:

RESOLVED, That we consider the missionary work eminently the field of our operations, especially in the unoccupied ground.

RESOLVED, That we advise the local ministers to have, as far as practicable, Sabbath appointments for preaching.

RESOLVED, That it is desirable for each minister to accomplish as early as may be the regular conference course of study, and to apply for and obtain as early as eligible the ordinations of deacon and elder.

RESOLVED, That it is desirable for our members in each Presiding Elder's District to confer together, and as far as practicable form associations auxiliary to the State Association.

RESOLVED, That it is desirable for each local minister to bring annual statements to this Association, in reference to the character and amount of his labors during the year.

On motion, Dr. Jno. A. Reagan, Solomon Pool, and W. R. Webb were appointed a committee on memoirs, to report at the next annual meeting.

On motion, L. Branson, J. A. McMannen, Solomon Pool, Geo. W. Neal, R. L. Abernethy, Turner M. Jones, D. D., and R. H. Whitaker were appointed a committee of arrangements.

The next annual meeting was ordered to be held at Hickory Station, commencing on Thursday previous at 3 o'clock p. m., and embracing the third Sabbath in July, 1871.

The following complimentary resolutions were also adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the good citizens of Durhams for the kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay among them.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body be hereby cordially extended to our presiding officer, Rev. B. York, for the kind and impartial manner in which he has presided at this meeting.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due to the railroads for return tickets.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of this Association be published in the Raleigh Episcopal Methodist.

Sermons were preached during the meeting by Revs. B. York, R. L. Abernethy, A. A. Boshamer, Solomon Pool, L. Branson and W. R. Webb.

A fund was subscribed and the proceedings ordered to be published also in pamphlet form, for the use of the members.

Adjourned with the benediction.

BRANTLEY YORK, *President.*

L. BRANSON, *Secretary.*

MINUTES

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PUBLIC EXERCISES HELD DURING THE SESSION 1871.

S. D. Franklin preached on Thursday night.
J. P. Simpson preached at 11 A. M., Friday.
R. Harper Whitaker, preached at 8 P. M. Friday.
Samuel Leard, S. S. Address at 11 A. M., Saturday.
Prof. O. W. Carr, Black Board exercises at 1. P. M.
R. H. Whitaker, Temperance Address at 3 P. M.
L. Branson, preached at 8 P. M.
Brantley York, preached at 10 A. M., Sunday.
Solomon Pool, preached at 3 P. M., Sunday.
(Sacrament after services.)
B. Craven, D. D., preached at 8 P. M., Sunday.

MINUTES

OF THE

LOCAL MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION OF N. C.

1871.

The Local Ministers' Association of N. C., met in the church at Hickory Tavern, N. C., July the 13th, at three o'clock, P. M. Brantley York in the chair, L. Branson, Secretary. The President opened the Association by reading the 23rd Palm, singing and prayer, followed by an appropriate address for the occasion. The Secretary called the roll. The following members were reported present, viz:

Brantley York, R. L. Abernethy, John Dorsey, W. G. Lewis, S. D. Franklin, James P. Simpson, L. Branson, Abram Hays, and by proxy, Morgan Bryan, Shadraek Bryan, J. W. Puett, James A. Reagan, Weaver, Joiner, T. A. Dorsey, F. R. Kaylor, N. H. Kaylor, Dr. E. L. Perkins, Jno. Rumley, G. W. Neal, Love Culbreth, Michael Doub, John B. Doub, Lewis K. Wiley, S. W. Ormond, T. S. Whittington, James M. Watson, C. D. Smith, J. S. Short, J. B. Ballard, Lewis Phillips, Hardy Sanders, David McNeill, Redding Moore, J. A. Covington, Jas. W. O'Brian, Frank Sandford, Leonard Webb, Neil M. Ray, Miles P. Owen, S. R. Trawiek, Thos. G Whitaker, E. A. Wilson, S. Brown, A F. Atkins, H. Farrow, Solomon Lea.

On motion of L. Branson, R. L. Abernethy, together with citizens A. H. Shuford, G. W. Hawn, W. P. Reinhardt, and S. M. Davis, pastor of the Church, were appointed a committee on divine serviees.

On motion of J. P. Simpson, a committee on Education was raised. The chair appointed J. P. Simpson, R. L. Abernethy and Solomon Pool.

The opening Address being called for was postponed until 3 o'clock, P. M. Friday evening. Eleetion of offieers for ensuing year was ordered to follow the opening Address.

S. D. Franklin, W. G. Lewis and John Dorsey were appointed a committee on Finance.

It was ordered that the hours of meeting for the Association, be eight o'clock A. M., and at 3 P. M., and for divine services, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

The Association adjourned till 8 o'clock A. M., Friday.

FRIDAY.—SECOND DAY.

The Association met at 8 o'clock, A. M. pursuant to adjournment, B. York in the chair. The exercises were opened with divine services, by J. P. Simpson.

S. M. Davis, of the N. C. Conference, was introduced and invited to a seat in the Association.

"Discussion of plans for increased efficiency" was made the special order of the evening session immediately after the election of officers.

Interesting and valuable communications were read from T. A. Dorsey, Dr. E. L. Perkins, Love Culbreth, Michael Doub, John B. Doub, S. W. Ormond, J. W. Watson, J. S. Short, J. B. Ballard, Lewis Phillips, Hardy Sanders, David McNeill, Redding Moore, James A. Covington, J. W. O'Brien, Leonard Webb, Neill M. Ray, Miles P. Owen and E. A. Wilson.

R. Harper Whitaker and Solomon Pool, reported present and took seats in the body.

R. L. Abernethy, L. Branson, S. M. Davis, in conjunction with citizens W. P. Reinhardt, A. H. Shuford and G W. Hawn, were appointed a committee on the Sunday School Mass Meeting for Saturday.

The Association adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

SECOND DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Brantley York in the chair.

The minutes were read and approved. D. E. Warlick and J. L. Healan reported present and took their seats. B. Craven, D. D., of the N. C. Conference was introduced and invited to a seat in the Association.

On call for special order the Secretary read the

Opening Address.

We congratulate the Association upon the very cordial reception, given us here by the citizens of this place, and we are pleased to record the fact that wherever this body has met, nothing but the very kindest feeling has ever been shown us by the citizens and layity of the church.

During the year past our church paper has published different complimentary extracts in reference to the value, zeal and efficiency of Local Ministers.

Many kind assurances of usefulness from our ablest laymen and itinerants serve to show us that the way is clear, and we

have only to respect ourselves, maintain our integrity as ministers, and go forward energetically in our sphere aiding in the evangelization of the world.

No fears need ever exist in the mind of any individual as to the loyalty of this body, nor as to its earnest desire to work harmoniously with all the legal operations of our church. A short and easy bridge connects the localcy with the itinerancy, passed and repassed continually with facility from both sides. *We* should be careful never to cast any reflection upon the itinerancy so largely useful, and so greatly blessed by the great head of the church. Every year some of our ranks enter this field of usefulness, and to this field God may at any time open the way for any belonging to this Association. We could not wisely block the way in any degree to our own usefulness in the future.

On the other hand every itinerant is interested in helping us to improve our standing and usefulness, since itinerants are every year finding it convenient to assume the local relation. Many members of conferences are temporarily local, and many of us have filled conference work pro tem; hence the transition each way is easy and convenient. Itinerant Local Ministers have ever proved to be a very useful class of men.

The missionary character of our work is one that commends itself to all lovers of christian advancement. Nowhere in the State or in the Southern church can there be found so large a body of ministers entirely self-supporting.

Near three hundred of this class live in this State, and over forty-seven hundred are found within our thirty-four conferences.

The Methodist church is just so much better supplied with laborers than any other denomination. Beside local men our church South supports over 2700 itinerants—as many in proportion to membership as are found probably in any other denomination. That God has thus supplied our church is not so much a subject of boast as it is of profound gratitude.

This is emphatically a great missionary force, and one that has always been blessed of the Master.

If we are faithful and true blessings will still attend our labors.

Let us magnify our calling and our position, remembering that the itinerancy constantly looks to the local ranks to replenish its depleting forces.

Let each local preacher have, as far as he can, regular Sabbath appointments for preaching. Each one should accomplish as early as practicable a regular course of study for ministers, then apply for ordination promptly. Every advancement renders the ministry more influential and more useful.

It is desirable that each member of this Association, should report annually to this body, something of his labors, and usefulness in his particular field of operations.

While it is wisdom in all christians, it is especially so with us, to obey the injunction to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Never, probably, was greater wisdom needed, and never a finer field for the operations of pure and earnest gospel ministers. An earnest revival among the local ministers was never known to exist without happy consequences upon the people, and always opens the way, for increasing influence to the regular pastors.

We call, then, upon every member of our body, as he loves his own soul, as he loves the church of his choice, as he loves the cause of christianity, to redouble his energy, loooking for an early revival in the entire church.

We want to see every minister in the church and every member strong and vigorous in his place. A little more zeal, labor and prayer will bring for our church the general blessing so much desired and so much needed.

We set out now for another year's operations, with renewed zeal, with renewed confidence in each other, with a feeling that God will give us greater joy and greater usefulness among the people, and while many labors have been endured, and many trials borne since our last annual meeting, much has been accomplished, and bright prospects for usefulness open up before us.

L. BRANSON,
SOLOMON POOL,
R. L. ABERNETHY,
R. H. WHITAKER. } Com. of Arrangements.

On motion the Opening Address was approved and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The election of officers was entered into and resulted as follows:

President.—Solomon Pool.

Vice-Presidents.—Jno. Rumley, Solomon Lea, J. P. Simpson, R. S. Ledbetter, R. L. Abernethy, S. D. Franklin and James A. Reagan.

On motion L. Branson was unanimously elected "Secretary and Treasurer."

"Verbal reports of Missionary operations" were made by J. P. Simpson, Brantly York, R. L. Abernethy, S. D. Franklin, L. Branson and others.

Appropriate and complimentary remarks were offered by S. M. Davis, also by A. H. Shuford, private citizen of the place.

"Plans were discussed for increased efficiency."

All agreed as to the importance of general improvement, and the necessity of each member making himself thoroughly acquainted with the doctrines and discipline of our own church.

On motion of R. H. Whitaker the following resolution was unanimously passed.

Resolved, That, regarding intemperance as one of the greatest social evils of the age, as well as one of the most formidable foes against which the church of Christ has to contend, this Association does not hesitate to affirm, that, in our opinion as individuals and as gospel ministers, total abstinence is the only safeguard

against this vice; and so believing we do hereby pledge ourselves to teach it to our congregations with renewed zeal

The Association adjourned to 8 o,clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY.—THIRD DAY.

The Body met pursuant to adjournment, President Pool in the chair.

J. L. Healan opened the exercises with singing and prayer.

On motion of J. P. Simpson the Committee on Education was amended by inserting the name of L. Branson, instead of Solomon Pool.

On motion of J. P. Simpson it was

Resolved, That it become and is hereby ordered as a usage, in this Association, that the President shall deliver an address, at the next annual meeting succeeding his election, following which an election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held.

Franklinton and High Point were put in nomination for the next annual meeting; Franklinton was selected.

On motion it was ordered that blank reports be sent to the members to be filled up and returned at the next annual meeting.

The committee on Finance reported the accounts of the Treasurer as correct and recommended that 40 dollars be raised to defray the current expenses.

The Association adjourned to participate in the Sunday School Mass-meeting.

Mass Meeting.

At 11 o'clock some 1500 persons assembled in the grove near the Church.

Singing and prayer by S. D. Franklin.

Samuel Leard, S. S. Agent, then entertained the School for an hour in his usual happy style. Pof. O. W. Carr of Trinity College then gave one of his charming black board exhibitions.

At 3 o'clock, R. H. Whitaker and S. D. Franklin delivered temperance addresses. A Council of the Friends was organized in the village.

THIRD DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 5 o'clock P. M. Pres. Pool in the chair. Minutes read and approved. Dr. P. C. Journey, reported present and took his seat. Communications were read from John Rumley, of Beaufort. C. D. Smith. of Macon co. A. F. Atkins, of Stanly co. H. Farrow, of Hyde co. Solomon Lea, of Leasburg, and J. B. Bobbit, of Raleigh.

On motion of S. D. Franklin it was

Resolved, That, each local Minister be requested to take up a yearly collection among the congregations he may serve, one

month previous to the next session of the Association, to defray his expenses to and from the annual meeting.

The committee on education reported as below which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Education.

It is very desirable to put on record the status of our Association and its individual members, on the great subject of christian education. Probably no class of men in our church has been more largely engaged or has been more eminently successful in educational enterprises.

We are pleased to mention our retiring President, Rev. Brantley York, now 66 years old and for 38 years a local minister, as a distinguished educator. For forty years his labors have been abundant in the School room and as a public lecturer throughout the country. Trinity College, and Olin, and York Collegiate Institute, and now Ruffin Badger and a host of smaller schools have all sprung into existence as the result of his labors. The present President of Trinity was also for a long number of years only a local minister.

We put on record also Turner M. Jones, D. D., President of Warrenton Female College, as one of the most elegant and distinguished educators of the entire country.

We note with satisfaction R. L. Abernethy, Pres. of Rutherford College, and a very successful educator for a long number of years.

N. M. Ray, of Lumberton, has been long known as a successful teacher.

Solomon Lea, of Leasburg, stands among the very best ranks of North Carolina educators.

George W. Neal, Principal of Newbern Academy, an old endowed Institution, with 250 students, has placed himself high on the list of classical men.

George H. Round, holds a Professorship in Davenport Female College, which is a noble institution with an able Faculty.

T. S. Whittington, Principal of Pleasant Garden High School, in Guilford County, is worthy of distinguished notice as an educator, a scholar, agentleman and a christian.

T. L. Troy, of Fayetteville, is a practical teacher of reputation and usefulness.

Samuel Brown, Principal of Jonesville High School, is a young but active man in this great work.

W. H. Cuninggim, jr., has been long known as the founder of Lenoir Institute, and the zealous promoter of educational enterprises.

S. R. Trawick, Principal of the Wesleyan Academy in Raleigh, has long been known as a valuable teacher in his department.

We take pleasure also in stating that Solomon Pool has been for

17 years connected with the Faculty, and for several years past has been President, of the University of North Carolina.

C. B. Riddick, President of St. John's College, at Oxford, is well known to the public as a female educator.

Besides these mentioned, various others, not here mentioned, are doing noble work in the education of the rising generation; and we hereby recommend this great cause to the earnest attention of all our local ministers, in every part of the State.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. SIMPSON, } Committee.
L. BRANSON. }

Dr. Craven, Pres. of Trinity College was permitted the floor, and entertained the Body with interesting accounts of the College; he intimated a willingness to make accommodative terms in favor of the sons of local ministers.

The annual meeting of 1872 at Franklinton was ordered to be held commencing on Thursday before the third Sabbath in July.

Committee on Arrangements—R. L. Abernethy, L. Branson, J. P. Simpson, R. H. Whitaker and John Rumley.

Committee on Memoirs—Brantley York, T. M. Jones and S. D. Franklin.

The Association adjourned till Sunday night.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Called to order and passed complimentary resolutions, as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the good citizens of Hickory for the very especial kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay among them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body are hereby cordially extended to our presiding officers for the kind and impartial manner in which they have presided at this meeting.

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge the courtesy of the Railroads in granting return tickets.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Association be published in the *Carolina Eagle*, of Hickory, the *Friend of Temperance* and the *Christian Advocate* of Raleigh.

The Association adjourned.

SOLOMON POOL, *President.*

L. BRANSON, *Secretary.*

A Partial Roll of the Local Ministers in N. C.

Names.	Post Office.
ALAMANCE COUNTY.	
Fleming Thompson,	Company Shops,
ALEXANDER COUNTY.	
Dr. Foy,	York Institute,
Brantley York,	" "
J. L. Bagwell,	" "
Albert Coone,	" "
J. T. Bagwell,	" "
ALLEGHANY COUNTY.	
Morgan Bryan,	Cherry Lane,
Shadrach Bryan,	" "
A. B. Phipp,	Mouth of Wilson,
J. W. Fisher,	Gap Civil,
—— Miller,	" "
ANSON COUNTY.	
J. W. Puett,	Cedar Hill,
ASHE COUNTY.	
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Peter Herman,	"
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J. Cotton,	" "
Wilson Atwater,	Bellevoir,
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William P. Taylor,	"
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Minter Johnson,	Egypt,
CLEAVELAND COUNTY.	
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Ephraim Mabry,	"
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Michael Doub,	Bethania,
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Solomon Doub,	"
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T. L. D. Smith,	Kittrells,
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B. H. Hester,	Mt. Energy,
P. H. Joiner,	Henderson,
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S. W. Ormond,	"
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Baxter Phillips,	" "
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William Grant,	"
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Solomon Pool,	Chapel Hill,
William Dollar,	Hillsboro,
Joseph Bacon,	"
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PITT COUNTY.	
Joseph Nelson,	Greenville,
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MINUTES

OF THE

LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE,

(M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,)

FOR NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

MARION, N. C., JULY 17, 18 & 19, 1873.

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MINUTES.

MARION, N. C., July 17th, 1873.

The Local Ministers' Association of North Carolina, met in annual session at 4 o'clock, P. M., in the Methodist Church at Marion, N. C.

The Association was called to order and opened with religious services by R. L. Abernethy, President.

Reported present, R. L. Abernethy, President; S. R. Trawick, Vice-President; L. Branson, Secretary and Treasurer; James B. Floyd and W. P. Williams.

On motion of S. R. Trawick, the President's sermon was postponed to a later period of the meeting.

The chair appointed Dr. J. H. Gilkey and W. H. Wakefield, citizens, in connection with W. P. Williams, a committee on divine services.

On motion of L. Branson, the citizens of Marion were cordially invited to attend the meetings of this Association.

The chair appointed as a committee on Missionary Work, S. R. Trawick, W. P. Williams and James B. Floyd.

On motion, the usual order of business was adopted as follows: meet at 9 A. M., and adjourn at 11 for preaching; meet at 3 P. M., and adjourn at will; preaching at night.

The committee on divine services announced Jas. B. Floyd to preach at night; S. R. Trawick at 11 o'clock on Friday, and W. P. Williams at night.

The Association adjourned to 9 o'clock on Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, R. L. Abernethy in the chair; prayer by W. P. Williams.

The minutes were read and approved. W. H. England reported present and took his seat in the body.

On motion, the chair appointed R. H. Whitaker, B. York, D. D., and L. Branson, a committee on Temperance.

On motion of W. P. Williams, the election of officers was made the special order for 4 o'clock, P. M.

REPORTS.

Written reports were received and read by members of the Association as follows :

W. H. England of McDowell county ; Amos Gregson of Randolph county ; B. York and R. L. Abernethy of Rutherford College ; W. P. Williams of Davidson College ; S. R. Trawick and L. Branson of Raleigh ; Jas. B. Floyd of Granville county ; L. Phillips of Moore county ; E. H. Hampton of Yancey county ; Solomon Lea of Caswell county ; J. W. Cotton of Chatham county ; P. J. Wray of Harnett county ; Dr. J. A. Reagan of Buncombe county ; B. Natt of Surry county ; D. P. Meacham of Raleigh ; S. Long of Forsythe county ; F. R. Kaylor of Morganton ; Jas. B. Ballard of Moore county ; John Dorsey of Burke county ; J. B. Long and Isaac N. Mann of Chatham county ; Miles P. Owen of Sampson county ; J. N. Payne of Catawba county ; P. H. Joyner of Warren county ; Redding Moore of Pitt county ; Wilson Atwater and Solomon Pool of Chapel Hill ; T. L. D. Smith of Granville county ; Love Culbreth of Cumberland county ; W. F. Needham of Town Creek ; William Snypes of Pittsborough ; T. A. Dorsey of Morganton.

W. H. England, Jas. B. Floyd and W. P. Williams were appointed a committee on Finance.

The Association adjourned for the 11 o'clock services.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The Association met at the usual hour. Services were had by B. York, D. D. Amos Gregson and B. York, D. D., reported present. The minutes were read and approved.

J. C. Hartsell of the N. C. Conference was introduced, and invited to a seat in the Association.

The hour for special order having arrived, officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows :

R. L. ABERNETHY President.
JAS. B. FLOYD,
AMOS GREGSON,
W. H. ENGLAND, } Vice-Presidents.
L. BRANSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

The committee on Missionary work reported as follows :

REPORT.

The committee to whom was refered the interest of the mission work beg leave to report that we regard the missionary interest of paramount importance, Therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly request all our Local Brethren to be very deligent in seeking uncultivated regions and making deligent efforts in organizing sabbath schools and building churches in said destitute localities.

S. R. TRAWICK,
J. B. FLOYD,
W. P. WILLIAMS,
COMMITTEE.

The following offered by S. R. Trawick was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That we request our Local preachers to give diligence to study and reading and strive to improve themselves in their style of sermonizing.

Resolved, That we most heartily recommend the *Raleigh Christian Advocate*, Rev. J. B. Bobbitt, Editor, to all the people with whom we labor, and earnestly request all the Local Preachers to use proper efforts to secure subscribers to the *Advocate*.

The Association adjourned with the Benediction.

W. P. Williams preached at night.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9, A. M. J. B. Floyd in the chair. Religious exercises were had by L. Branson. Minutes read and corrected.

L. Branson and S. R. Trawick of committee on Constitutions, appointed last year, reported a form, pending the discussion of which, the Association adjourned to hear the annual sermon by R. L. Abernethy.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The Association met promptly at 3 o'clock, P. M. R. L. Abernethy in the chair. Prayer by Jas. B. Floyd. The minutes were read and corrected.

The committee on Temperance reported as follows, which was unanimously adopted:

REPORT.

The committee on temperance beg leave to report, that we are as thoroughly convinced as ever of the evils of the excessive use of alcoholic drinks, and that we are prepared to recommend any remedy or antidote that is honorable and right, that tends to arrest or stay the progress of this deadly enemy to human happiness and advancement.

Resolved, That it is the duty of every member to co-operate as actively as possible with all the temperance organizations of the country.

B. YORK, CHAIRMAN.
L. BRANSON.

The finance committee reported as follows:

REPORT.

Your committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's account, and find it neatly kept in a business-like manner, and shows the Association out of debt, with the exception of $1.19 dollars due the Treasurer.

Your committee recommend that a collection be taken up on Sabbath to raise about forty dollars to pay for printing and circulating 500 copies of the minutes of this session.

Your committee desire also to express their hearty appreciation of the liberality of brother Solomon Pool, who contributed ten dollars to the minute fund last year. Respectfully submitted,

W. P. WILLIAMS,
J. B. FLOYD,
W. H. ENGLAND,
COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

On motion of W. P. Williams, the following was adopted also :

Resolved, That after adjournment, each member of this body be requested to raise at least 5 dollars, and send to the Secretary as early as possible to meet the current expenses.

The Association resumed the consideration of report on Constitution ; after amendments and revisals, the following was adopted unanimously as a permanent Constitution :

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, and shall be governed by this Constitution and such By-Laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the Gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the Church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The members of this Conference shall consist of such Local Ministers as have heretofore identified themselves with the "Local Ministers' Association," and hereafter of such as shall attend in person, or send in annual reports of labor performed.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, and a Financial Secretary ; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an annual address or sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same, as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4. The officers of this Conference shall constitute a finance committee, the President being chairman, which committee shall direct the application of all the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUNDS.

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which, beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the minutes, shall be applied annually, to the relief of

such members and families of the members, as the finance committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

High Point was put in nomination by Amos Gregson and unanimously chosen as the place of the next annual meeting, to commence on the Thursday next preceding the third Sabbath in July, 1874.

The Association adjourned to Sunday night.

A Temperance meeting was held on Saturday night, and addressed by S. R. Trawick and H. T. Hudson.

The Sabbath-School was addressed at 9 o'clock on Sunday by L. Branson and Prof. John T. Abernethy.

B. York, D. D., preached at 11 o'clock, L. Branson at 3 o'clock, and H. T. Hudson at night.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

After services the Association was called to order.

On motion of W. P. Williams, the following motions were adopted:

Resolved, That the last Friday preceding our next annual meeting, be set apart for fasting and prayer by the members of our Conference for its prosperity.

Resolved, That assisted by Divine Grace, we will endeavor to do all we can during this year for the prosperity of our dear Redeemer's kingdom, and that we will endeavor to live, so that we may at the last meet

"Where congregations ne'er break up,
And Sabbaths have no end."

Complimentary resolutions were passed as follows:

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the citizens of Marion for the very cordial and hospitable entertainment of the members of this Conference.

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge the courteous ability of our presiding officers.

Resolved, That we remember kindly such railroads as granted us return tickets for one fare.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish a copy of these proceedings for publication in the *Raleigh Christian Advocate*, the *Friend of Temperance* and the *Piedmont Press*.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction.

R. L. ABERNETHY, PRESIDENT.

L. BRANSON, SECRETARY.

LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE—ROLL OF MEMBERS.

("This Conference shall consist of such Local Ministers as have heretofore identified themselves with the Local Ministers' Association, and hereafter of such as shall attend in person or send in reports.")—*Article* 2, *Constitution*.

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THURSDAY, July 16th, 1874, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference met in Annual session at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at High Point, N. C.

R. H. Whitaker was called to the chair, and opened the Conference by reading a lesson from the Scripture and prayer. L. Branson, Secretary and Treasurer.

The roll call was omitted.

On motion of L. Branson it was

Resolved, That this Conference do cordially invite any Itinerant Ministers, who may be present, to take seats in the Conference, and participate in the deliberations of the body.

The chair appointed as committee on Divine Services, C. M. Pepper, Pastor, J. B. Ballard, of the Conference, and W. F. Bowman of High Point.

It was moved that the Conference adjourn till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned with benediction by the President.

2, P. M., THURSDAY.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, R. H. Whitaker in the chair. Minutes read and approved.

Reported present during the Conference: R. H. Whitaker and L. Branson of Raleigh; P. H. Joyner and S. D. Franklin of Winston; J. B. Ballard of Troy; J. W. Burton of Thomasville; N. M. Journey of Olin; R. L. Abernethy and B. York, D. D., of Rutherford College; Solomon Pool of Chapel Hill; Amos Gregson of Union Factory; Thomas Reagan of Germantown; Solomon Lea of Leasburg; A. K. Murchison of Salisbury.

C. M. Pepper, J. W. Lewis, R. A. Willis, B. Craven, D. D., D. C. Johnson, Itinerants; Geo. B. Wetmore of the Episcopal; P. H. Dalton of the Presbyterian, and J. B. Richardson of the Baptist Church.

Reported by letter: John T. Brogden, J. J. Setliff, W. P. Williams, F. B. Andrews, Turner M. Jones, D. D., A. J. McBride, H. S. Scarborough, D. G. Meekins, Jacob Sheek, C. M. Greer, C. W. Westbrook, J. W. Campton, Miles P. Owen, J. A. Reagan, I. N. Mann, J. F. Roberts, T. A. Dorsey, R. Ledford, G. M. F. Hampton, Joseph Miller, W. A. Brame, Jos. M. Watson, John S. Pugh, W. H. Thompson, Thos. G. Whitaker, T. S. D. Smith, Samuel Long, Jas. B. Floyd, D. P. Meacham, P. M. Farraw, Benjamin Nutt, Geo. W. Penley, Lewis Philips and Wilson Atwater.

The chair appointed as committee on Missionary Work, L. Branson, J. B. Ballard, P. H. Joyner.

Committee on Temperance, R. H. Whitaker, S. D. Franklin, N. M. Journey, J. W. Burton.

On motion election of officers was made the special order for 2, P. M., Friday Evening.

Reports of preachers were called for.

VERBAL REPORTS.

J. B. Ballard gave an interesting account of his labors in Moore county; had success at some out of the way places.

J. W. Burton gave a feeling account of labors from house to house, of prayer meetings and labors in the S. School; he testified as to the happy influence of class-meetings.

S. D. Franklin stated interesting items in connection with his labors, and especially in his out of the way appointments.

P. H. Joyner gave valuable suggestions in connection with labors as a Local Minister.

J. W. Lewis and C. M. Pepper, Itinerants, testified as to a gratifying increase in the usefulness of the Local Ministers for the last few years.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction, to meet again at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, 9, A. M.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Divine services were had by A. K. Murchison.

Jabez Leach of Trinity College, one of the fathers in Methodism, was introduced to the Conference, and on motion, was invited to take a seat in the body, and participate in its deliberations.

REPORTS—*Continued.*

R. H. Whitaker gave a valuable statement of labors performed, and especially of his Temperance work, and how it aided the prosperity of the church.

B. York, D. D., Elder, Happy Home, Happy Home circuit, reported 80 sermons preached, 40 literary lectures delivered, and many lectures on micellaneous subjects; expects to labor as long as able in every possible manner for the prosperity of Christ's kingdom.

Solomon Pool, Elder, Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill circuit, has been much engaged in the temperance work, and regards it a fruitful field of usefulness; has labored in the S. School; has found great pleasure and profit in visiting the sick and the dying.

A. K. Murchison, Deacon, Salisbury, Salisbury station, has itinerated 6 years, located last year on account of ill health; is engaged in editing an independent political family paper; preaches as often as practicable—not much missionary ground in Rowan county.

Thos. Regan, Licentiate, Jamestown, S. Guilford circuit, has not preached because of lung disease, preached much during the 20 years in which he has been a minister.

R. L. Abernethy reported labors performed, and gave valuable information in reference to missionary labors. Interesting discussion was had in reference to the Local Minister's duties in baptizing and taking members into the church.

Dr. Craven was introduced to the Conference, and by request, explained the relation of the Local to the Itinerant ministers. "According to the Discipline, the pastor is pastor of the Local Minister, and the Local Minister is the helper of the pastor, and he is to help in all kinds of work, since we ordain him and prepare him for all work. All his labors are by the direction or tacit consent of the regular pastor, and hence legally valid."

The Conference adjourned to 2, P. M.

2, P. M., FRIDAY.

WRITTEN REPORTS.

WRITTEN REPORTS OF PREACHERS FROM JUNE 1ST, '73, TO JUNE 1ST, '74.

Lewis Philips, Elder, Harper Cross Roads. Deep River circuit, has had four regular appointments, preached fifty sermons, delivered seven S. School lectures, organized one S. School, conducted fifteen prayer meetings, hopes the Conference will have a profitable meeting.

Geo. W. Panley, Elder, Laurel Fork, Sulphur Springs circuit, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 40 sermons, delivered 15 S. S. lectures, organized 2 S. Schools, conducted 2 prayer meetings, and received 10 members into the church, would be glad to be present at the present Conference, but cannot do so

Benjamin Natt, Deacon, Siloam, Surry circuit, owing to infirmity, has not been able to perform any ministerial work during the past year.

P. M. Farrow, Deacon, Cape Hatteras circuit, has had 2 regular appointments, and preached 10 sermons, would be glad to attend, has been very much afflicted the past year, especially since attending the Annual Conference in 1873.

D. P. Meacham, Deacon, Raleigh, Edenton Street station, work has been of a supply and missionary character, has kept no memorandum of work performed.

J. B. Floyd, Elder, Wilton, Granville circuit, has had 3 regular appointments part of the year, and attended several protracted meetings, preached about 35 sermons, attended S. School generally, visited and prayed with the sick, thinks he has done but little, is desirous of doing what he can in the Master's cause, sends his love to the brethren, cannot attend because of family affliction.

Samuel Long, Elder, Salem, Forsythe circuit, has been preaching 40 years; is now quite old and infirm, cannot preach any more; has preached only 2 sermons, funeral occasions, during the past year, is in destitute circumstances, and would be thankful for any assistance.

G. M. Hampton, Asheville, has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 25 sermons, delivered 4 S. School lectures, held 40 prayer meetings, and organized 1 S. School.

T. S. D. Smith, Kittrells, Tar River circuit, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 25 sermons, delivered 2 S. S. lectures, conducted 12 prayer meetings, and baptized 6 persons, has not done much this year on account of family affliction.

Thomas G Whitaker, Elder, Cary, Gary circuit, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 30 sermons, delivered 1 S. S. lecture, has preached several funeral sermons, is now old, prays God's blessing upon our Conference.

Amos Gregson, Elder High Point, Trinity circuit, has preached 25 sermons, and organized 1 S. School, is greatly interested in our Conference.

W. H. Thompson, Deacon, Oak, Alamance circuit, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 54 sermons.

J. L. Pugh, Licentiate, Mouth of Wilson, Jefferson circuit, has had 2 regular appointments, and delivered 1 S. S lecture, has preached 50 sermons during the year. Works according to our usage in the waste places, prays the Lord's blessing on our Conference.

James M. Watson, Elder, Lake Landing, Mattamuskeet circuit, has had 3 regular appointments, preached about 40 sermons, and baptized 8 persons, co-operates with the pastor--affliction has prevented him from doing as much work as desired.

W. A. Brame, Deacon, Louisburg, Tar River circuit, has been preaching and holding prayer meetings, is in full sympathy with the Conference, and prays God's blessing upon it.

Joseph Miller, Deacon, Salem Davidson circuit, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 50 sermons, delivered 2 S. S. lectures, held 10 prayer meetings, baptized 15 persons, has buried 10, preached 10 funerals, and married 5 couples; his heart is with the Conference.

R. L. Abernethy, Deacon, Happy Home, Happy Home circuit, has preached 71 times, baptized 25 persons, received 33 persons into the church, held 32 prayer meetings, and aided in 16 temperance meetings; he has performed laborious work as President of Rutherford College, and much miscellaneous work.

R. Ledford, Deacon, Grassy Branch, Shelby circuit, has had 4 regular appointments, has preached 200 sermons, delivered 3 S. S. lectures, has organized

3 S. Schools, baptized 1 person, and received 14 members into the church, reports prosperous times on his work.

Solomon Lea, Elder, Leasburg, Leasburg circuit, has preached 64 sermons, delivered 4 S. S. lectures, conducted 12 prayer meetings, has co-operated with the pastor, alternating with him at each of his appointments.

T. A Dorsey, Deacon, Morganton, Morganton circuit, has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 30 sermons, has delivered 2 S. S. Lectures, conducted 8 prayer meetings, baptized 25 persons, received 10 members into the church, he is now in his 70th year, and is still trying to do some work for the Master.

J. F. Roberts, Deacon, Laurel Branch, Blue Ridge, Mission, had 4 regular appointments, preached 50 sermons, delivered 3 S. S. Lectures, has organized 1 S. School, conducted 10 prayer meetings.

Isaac. N. Mann, Licentiate, Belvoir, Chapel Hill, and Haw River Circuit, has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 36 sermons, has one appointment at a cotton Factory where there is no church, has good congregation and a Sunday School.

L. Branson, Elder, Raleigh, Edenton Street Station, has 2 appointments each month, has preached 23 sermons, held 5 prayer meetings, delivered 1 S. S. Lecture, attended (5) Quarterly conferences, married 4 couples, baptized 2 persons, held 1 communion meeting, has done all he could in the temperance cause.

W. P. Williams, Licentiate, Davidson College, Mt. Zion, circuit, has preached 26 sermons, organized 1 S. School, has many calls to preach and Lecture at various points—does all he can for the Redeemer's cause.

Damon G Meekins, Deacon, Kennekeet, Hatteras circuit, has preached 45 sermons, delivered 20 S. School Lectures; has organized 5 S. Schools, held 25 prayer meetings, received 2 members into the church, has labored with the regular Pastor.

H. S. Scarborough, Licentiate, Kennekeet, Hatteras circuit, has preached 40 sermons, delivered 25 S. School Lectures, organized 5 S. Schools, held 25 prayer meetings, has labored with his pastor

J. A. Reagan, Elder, Weaversville, Asheville circuit, has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 25 sermons, delivered 4 S. School Lectures, organized 2 S. Schools, held 2 prayer meetings, baptized 40 persons, received 20 members into the church, is President, of Weaverville College,—desires the conference great success.

James B Ballard, Elder, Troy, Pedee circuit, usually has 3 appointments, cannot preach regularly, on account of age and infirmity

Miles P. Owen, Elder, Clinton. Clinton circuit. has had 2 regular appointments, preached 44 sermons, delivered 1 S. School Lecture, received 7 members into the church, baptized 2 persons, filled circuit work 3 months of the year.

Wilson Atwater, Elder, Snipes Store, Chapel Hill and Haw River circuit, has had 2 regular appointments, is very old and cannot preach much; still loves to work what he can, is cheerful and confident in Christ.

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2 P. M.

The Conference met persuant to adjournment. R. L. Abernethy in the chair. Divine services were had, by P. H. Joyner. The Minutes were read and approved. On motion the special order was postponed for half an hour. A discussion was had as to the status of our members. P. H. Joyner, B. York, and others made prudent and valuable suggestions, all tending to a closer union of Pastors and Itinerants. All agree that the Discipline gives explicit instruction for

our conduct as Local Ministers, and ought to be observed by our members. Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore, and Rev. P. H. Dalton, visitors, were formally introduced to the conference. Turner M. Jones, D. D. and F. B. Andrews, reported by letter. The order of business for the election of officers was announced and the annual election was held resulting as follows.

P. H. JOYNER, President.
R. L. ABERNETHY, J. B. BALLARD, SOLOMON POOL, } Vice Presidents.
L. BRANSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion of P. H. Joyner, it was

Resolved, That each Local preacher be requested to take up a collection, annually in each congregation for the benefit of destitute Local Ministers and their families.

L. Branson, moved that the chair appoint a committee of three on the "State of the Conference;' carried. L Branson, B. York, S. Pool, committee.

On motion S. Pool, B. York, and S D Franklin, were appointed a committee on Education.

On motion the conference adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow. Benediction, by R. L Abernethey.

The committee on Divine services, announced R. L. Abernethy to preach at night.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment. R. L. Abernethy, in the chair. Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore of the Episcopal church opened with divine services. Minutes were read and approved. Moved by R. H. Whitaker, to strike out and amend P. H. Joyner's resolution of yesterday; passed so as to read,

Resolved, That each Local preacher be requested to take up a collection annually in each congregation for the benefit of the Local conference as indicated in the 4th Article of our constitution.

The Treasurer's report was presented and on motion of P. H. Joyner, was approved. A general discussion was entered into in reference to plans of increased usefulness. All were agreed as to the necessity of a high degree of attainment; the essential missionary character of Local men, and the

importance of harmonious action with the regular pastors.

On motion the conference adjourned to 2 P. M.

R. H. Whitaker, delivered an affective temperance address; followed by Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore, President of State council of Friends of Temperance.

P. H. Joyner, was announced to preach at night.

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2. P. M., SATURDAY.

The Conference re-assembled at the hour appointed. Thos. Reagan opened the session with reading and prayer. Minutes were read and approved.

On motion it was,

Resolved, That the newly elected officers be installed, at the last business meeting of each Conference.

Dugan C. Johnson, of the N. C. Conference was introduced to the Conference and made a feeling address to the members.

The Conference resumed the discussion of plans for increased usefulness.

R. L. Abernethy moved that a committee of three be appointed to recommend a course of study, to the Quarterly conference, to apply to applicants for license: carried. Committee R. L. Abernethy, B. York, and Sol. Lea.

On motion P. H. Joyner, Sol. Pool, L. Branson were appointed to draw up a memorial on the subject of ministers returned from the itinerancy to the localcy, said memorial to be presented at the annual meeting of 1875.

Report on Temperance presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following:

The evils of intemperance are so numerous and so flagrantly opposed to christianity, we deem it hardly necessary for us to make any argument against it. But, as ministers of the cause of Christ, it does become our duty to denounce sin in all its forms, and to make use of every legitimate means to drive it from our world. We therefore beg leave to offer the following resolutions for the consideration and action of this conference:

Resolaed, That, in the liquor Traffic we recognize a foe to Christ and that, as Local Ministers of the M. E. Church, South, in North Carolina, in Conference assembled, we do covenant with each other to use our best endeavors to put it down.

Resolved, That, we believe moderate drinking to be the nursery of drunkenness and consequently a sin—therefore, we would have our preachers warn their congregations against it, and teach them that the only safety consists in totally abstaining from the use of intoxicating beverages.

Resolved, That we recognize with pleasure and thankfulness the valuable aid which the various Temperance Orders of the land have afforded the church and ministry, in their warfare against the sin of intemperance, and do heartily recommend that our preachers be encouraged to co-operate with these orders wherever and whenever they can.

Resolved, That, we do heartily and cordially endorse the action of the recent General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in making it an actionable offense against the church for members to "make, buy, sell or use intoxicating liquors as a beverage," and that we will, to the extent of our ability, sustain that action.

S. D. FRANKLIN,
R. H. WHITAKER,
Committee.

Committee on state of the Conference reported which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CONFERENCE.

The committee on "state of the conference" report the interest increasing from year to year. Wherever the itinerants have given careful attention to our operations, full sympathy and cordial co-operation have been manifested by them.

Many of our members have been excited to more than double energy in the great missionary work, and indications are plain that the happiest results will be witnessed in a few years from the convocations and labors of this conference.

We respectfully recommend the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on Bishop Marvin at the next meeting of our Annual Conference, and lay before the Conference, through him a succinct statement of our operations at the same time signifying a willingness to receive such advice and co-operation as may be conducive to the prosperity of the Local Conference, and the highest development of its individual members.

B. YORK,
SOLOMON POOL,
L. BRANSON,
} Committee.

L. Branson, R. H. Whitaker, and Solomon Pool, were appointed the committee to wait on Bishop.

Solomon Pool, read the report on Education which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, beg leave to report.

That this conference recognizes the great importance of the subject, and the duty of its members to exert their influence in advancing the interest of the cause. We have many children within the bounds of our communion. It is our duty to provide for their future usefulness and happiness; a good education is essential to both.

Much that has passed, under the name, fails to meet our views of what a true

education should embrace. Man is a triune being. He is endowed with a spiritual as well as physical and intellectual faculties. The function of this spiritual faculty is faith; its expression is worship. That course of education is imperfect in which the culture of this highest of man's faculties is overlooked or neglected. Our educators fail when their time and energy are devoted to the mental training of the young. while the garden of the heart which should bloom with the flowers of piety, and shed abroad the heavenly fragrance of the christian graces, is intertangled and overgrown with vice or infidelity. To educate the mind without cultivating the heart, to give learning without religion, is to throw the power of the giant into the arm of the madman.

When parents manifest so great solicitude for the intellectual improvement of their children, without a just and paramount concern for the salvation of their souls, we must expect to witness a continuance of practical infidelity in our midst. While education shall encourage and promote only the intellectual growth of our youth, we must expect to see our children, who bear the baptismal sign, continue to reject the very religion which we so earnestly offer to the heathen world. Until we are brought to a full appreciation of the vital importance of this subject, we may not be surprised if Satan shall annually snatch from our own households nearly as many as we reclaim from the Pagan hosts.

It affords the committee great pleasure to be able to state that our church is awaking to the magnitude on this momentous question. Within our bounds we have some of the most flourishing male and female institutions. At all of these we believe the spiritual weal of the young is made a matter of the very first consideration. Under the immediate patronage of the N. C. Conference, are Trinity for males, and Greensboro and Davenport for females. We cordially commend them to our people. We also look with the very highest interest to that rising institution, The Rutherford College, under the care of Rev. R. L. Abernethy, the retiring President of this Conference. In point of usefulness, and in all those prime elements which give weight and value to a college, this is second to none in our State. It is doing a most commendable work in educating indigent orphans, and the children of ministers, of every christian denomination, free of charge. The effort there, is to train the young for usefulness in the church, and to prepare them for heaven. It is now in a very flourishing condition. The catalogue for the year ending may 27th, 1874, shows that there were in attendance during the year, 238 students, of whom 23 were children of ministers and 12 were preparing to preach the gospel.

We take pleasnre in stating that many others of our local ministers are engaged in this high and important work in primary and high schools, in different sections of our state, and are effecting great good. We earnestly commend to the church a careful attention to the proper culture of the rising generation.

SOLOMON POOL,
S. D. FRANKLIN.
B. YORK,
Committee.

On motion, Art. 2, Con. was amended with the words, "after the session of 1875" to be inserted between the words "and" and "of such."

Kinston was selected as the place of the next annual meeting.

The following resolution, offered, by R. L. Abernethy, was passed:

Resolved, That, as this Conference is a Temperance body, and as Temperance is a grand element in the great cause of religion and virtue, we do most heartily recommend the FRIEND OF TEMPERACE, edited by Rev. R. H. Whitaker of Ral-

eigh, to all our people, and that we will do all we can personally for its advancement.

R. L. Abernethy offered the following, which was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That, we do most heartily recommend the Raleigh *Christian Advocate*, edited by Rev. J. B. Bobbitt, to all our Local Preachers, and request that each one do all he can for its circulation.

The report of committee on "Missionary Work" was read and adopted as follows:

The committee on Missionary Work make the following

REPORT:

We find that 30 preachers report an aggregate of 1327 sermons preached during the past year, 135 S. S. lectures delivered, 33 S. Schools organized, 189 prayer meetings held, 118 persons baptized, 108 received into the church, a large number of temperance addresses delivered, besides a great amount of miscellaneous work. In addition to this, many preachers make general reports, without giving exact statistics.

It is a source of great gratification that we are able to report such a vast increase of interest, on the part of our members, in the missionary work in which we are engaged. Many seem to be greatly aroused to the importance and grandeur of the work before us. All seem to rejoice in the privilege of working for the Master in the highways and hedges; and not a single one complains of the unpaid character of our work.

None have expressed any desire to work, other than according to the disciplinary usages of the M. E. Church, South. Several have preached as high as 70 sermons, and one 200 sermons during the year. We commend these examples. We would especially call the attention of our members to the old men, who, in the midst of affliction and poverty, have labored so largely and so successfully. They are missionaries indeed, and worthy the imitation of the younger members.

Your committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That, we do prosecute our missionary work everywhere with renewed vigor, feeling this to be our greatest field of usefulness.

Resolved, That each Local preacher be urged to keep a record of work done, and report to this Conference accurately each year, for the encouragement of others who may have been less industrious.

L. BRANSON,
J. B. BALLARD,
Committee.

The Conference adjourned until after services at night.

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10 P. M.

The Conference re-assembled. The minutes were read and corrected.

On motion of Amos Gregson, R. L. Abernethy was requested to take up a collection on Sabbath to aid the minute fund.

On motion of R. H. Whitaker, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are eminently due, and are here-

by tendered to the citizens of High Point, for the very elegant and bountiful hospitality bestowed upon the members of this body during the session of this Conference.

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge the courteous ability of our presiding officers.

Resolved, That we render thanks to the railroad authorities for the usual return tickets.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish a copy of these proceedings for publication in the Raleigh *Christian Advocate* and the FRIEND OF TEMPERANCE.

Conference adjourned with the benediction, to meet again at Kinston on Thursday preceding the third Sabbath in July of 1875.

P. H. JOYNER, *President.*

L. BRANSON, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, and shall be governed by this Constitution and such By-Laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the discipline and usages os the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the Gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The members of this Conference shall consist of such Local Ministers as have heretofore identified themselves with the "Local Ministers' Association," and after the Session of 1875, of such as shall attend in person, or send in annual reports of labor performed.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, and a Financial Secretary; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an annual address or sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same, as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4. The officers of this Conference shall constitute a finance committee, the President being chairman, which committee shall direct the application of all the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUNDS.

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which, beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the minutes, shall be applied annually, to the relief of such members and families of the members, as the finance committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE—ROLL OF MEMBERS.

("This Conference shall consist of such Local Ministers as have heretofore identified themselves with the Local Ministers' Association, and after the Annual meeting of 1875 of such as shall attend in person or send in reports.") *Article 2, Constitution.*

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Jonas Wagg,	Jefferson.
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J. S. Weaver,	Reem's Creek.
N. M. Weaver,	" "
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John W. Dorsey,	" "
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F. R. Kaylor,	"
Joseph D. Ferree.	"
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Geo. H. Round, E.	"
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William Snypes,	"
F. Burnett,	Pittsboro
L. Burnett,	"
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Minter Johnson,	Egypt.
Isaac N. Mann,	Bellevoir.
Lewis Philips, E.	Harpers X Roads.
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Robert Ledford, D.	Johnson.
S R Trawick, E.	Shelby.
CRAVEN COUNTY.	
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Solomon Doub,	"
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J W Heptinstall,	"
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Zion F Meekins	"
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RANDOLPH COUNTY.	
Amos Gregson E.	High Point.
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Frank Sandford	Rockingham,
Leonard Webb	Bostick's Mills,

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Dr R M Norment	"
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.	
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lisha Eudaly	Lime Kilm,
ROWAN COUNTY.	
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A K Murchison	Salisbury,
SAMPSON COUNTY.	
Miles P Owen E	Clinton,
STANLEY COUNTY.	
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SURRY COUNTY.	
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James Needham	Mt. Airy,
William F Needham,	Town's Creek,
Benj, Nutt, D	Siloam,
J J Setliff, L	Rusk,
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A F English	Davidsons River,
A A English	Brevard,
UNION COUNTY.	
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D P Meacham, D	Raleigh,
L Branson, E	"
W J W Crowder, L	"
W M Sorrell, L	Cary,
R Harper Whitaker, L.	Raleigh,
Thomas G Whitaker, E.	Cary,
S H Whitaker, E	Hays' Store,
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Charles M. Cook, E	Warrenton,
B F Long, E	"
WILSON COUNTY.	
C W Westbrook, E	Wilson,
WATAUGA COUNTY.	
J A McBride, L	McBride's Mills,
Joshua Cole, E	Boone.
John G Combs, L	"
L P Blackburn L	"
H P Blackburn L	"
WAYNE COUNTY.	
William Bryant,	Nahunta,
A J Finlayson, E	Goldsboro,
John T Brogden, D	Everettsville,
Morris Howell,	Goldsboro,
Gray C Garris,	Fremont,
YADKIN COUNTY.	
T S Whittington, E	Jonesville,
Samuel Brown,	"
L D Burr,	Yadkinville,
YANCEY COUNTY.	
Ezekiel Hampton,	Day Book,
Dr Houston,	Burnsville,

☞The foregoing is intended to be a correct list of those who have identi-

fied themselves with the Local Ministers' Conference, up to the present time. All necessary corrections will be made in the next minutes.

NOTE: L signifies, Licentiate; D Deacon; E Elder. Ordination not known where there are no letters after the names.

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THURSDAY, July 15th, 1875, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Conference met at 8 o'clock, P. M., in the Methodist Church at Kinston, N. C.

The services were opened with a sermon by L. Branson, after which President Abernethy called the Conference to regular business. L. Branson, Secretary.

Members present: J. B. Ballard, Geo. W. Neal, Miles P. Owen, L. Branson, R. L. Abernethy, E. A. Wilson. By report, as follows:

Isaac N. Mann, Pittsboro; John S. Shorte, Williamston; Benjamin Nutt, Stony Ridge; John Dorsey, Happy Home; F. R. Kaylor, Morganton; G. W. Penley, Laurel Fork; J. W. Burton, Thomasville; W. R. Webb, Roxboro; W. P. Williams, Davidson College; Wilson Atwater, Chapel Hill; James M. Watson, Lake Landing; Samuel Long, Salem; B. York, D. D., Rutherford College; R. L. Abernethy, Happy Home; D. P. Meacham, Raleigh; L. Branson, Raleigh; Wm. Snipes, Bellevoir; Thos. G. Whitaker, Carey; James B. Ballard, Troy; Miles P. Owen, Clinton; R. Harper Whitaker, Raleigh; T. L. D. Smith, Kittrell's; James B. Floyd, Wilton; P. H. Joyner, Winston; H. S. Scarborough, Kennakeet; A. F. Atkins, Albemarl; V. Walker, Calahan; Jacob Sheek, Smith Grove; P. M. Farrow, The Cape; J. A. Reagan, Weaverville College; Thomas W. Kendall, Long Pine; Solomon Pool, Chapel Hill. James Wilson, Itinerant, was also present.

On motion, James Wilson, Pastor, L. H. Harvey, member of the Kinston Church, and J. B. Webb, were appointed a committee on Divine Services.

On motion, the business hours were fixed from 8½ to 11 A. M., and 3 P. M.

The Conference adjourned until the regular hour to-morrow.

FRIDAY, 8½ A. M.

The Conference was opened by J. B. Ballard, with reading from the Scripture, singing and prayer.

The roll was called and corrected.

On motion, Ministers of the Conference were cordially invited to be present and participate in the deliberations, and laymen were invited to sit with the Conference.

The Chair appointed G. W. Neal, E. A. Wilson, and Miles P. Owen committee on Education. The appointment of other committees was deferred until the evening session.

The election of officers was made a special business for the 8½ A. M., session of Saturday morning

Reports were read from members as follows:

WRITTEN REPORTS OF PREACHERS FROM JUNE 1ST, 1874, TO JUNE 1ST, 1875.

B. York, D. D., Elder, Rutherford College. Happy Home circuit, has preached 85 sermons, and delivered 35 lectures on various subjects. Has preached at 19 towns in different parts of the State during the year. His heart is fully in the work.

Samuel Long, Elder, Salem, Forsythe circuit, is quite old, in feeble health, and dependent. Deplores his inability to labor.

Wilson Atwater, Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill and Haw River circuit, has had two regular appointments, preached 22 sermons, and held 12 prayer meetings; is in his 78th year, and not able to preach a great deal; is thankful that he can do a little, and loves to do that little as well as ever.

W. P. Williamson, Licentiate, Davidson College, Mt. Zion circuit, has preached 18 sermons, delivered two Sabbath School lectures, organized one Sabbath School held 5 prayer meetings, and received 5 into the Church. His heart is earnestly in the work.

James M. Watson, Elder, Lake Landing, Matamuskeet circuit, has had three regular appointments, preached 27 sermons, delivered six Sabbath School lectures, organized one Sabbath School, and baptized three persons; is in feeble health.

F. R. Kaylor, Morganton, Morganton circuit, has had four regular appointments, preached 52 sermons, delivered five Sunday School lectures, organized four Suunday Schools, and received four members; has worked principally on missionary ground and among the poor and destitute.

G. W. Penley, Elder, Laurel Fork, Sulphur Springs circuit, has had three regular appointments, preached 50 sermons, delivered four Sunday School lectures, organized two Sunday Schools, conducted 3 prayer meetings, received ten members into the Church; traveled a part of the year as supply on the Catawba circuit; fully endorses the Local Conference.

J. W. Burton, Thomasville, Thomasville circuit, has had two regular appointments, preached 15 sermons, delivered five Sunday School lectures, organized one Sunday School, and conducted six prayer meetings.

W. R. Webb, Elder, Roxboro, Person circuit has had eight regular appointments, preached 50 sermons, delivered several Sunday School lectures, organized several Sunday Schools, baptized about fifty persons, and received sixty members into the Church; filled Flat River circuit last year; had a revival at every appointment. 120 professed religion and 70 joined the Church

Isaac N. Mann, Licentiate, Pittsboro, Chapel Hill and Haw River Circuit, has

had two regular appointments, preached 40 sermons, held one meeting, at which fourteen were converted, and twelve joined the Church.

John S. Shorte, Licentiate, Williamston, Williamston circuit, has had two regular appointments, preached 34 sermons, delivered five Sunday School lectures, and conducted 24 prayer meetings ; is in feeble health and cannot preach much now.

Benjamin Nutt, Deacon, Stony Ridge, has preached only two or three sermons, and conducted two or three prayer meetings; is now over eighty years old and cannot work much. Desires the prayers of the Conference.

John Dorsey, Happy Home, Happy Home circuit, has had two regular appointments, preached 15 sermons, delivered two Sunday School lectures, organized two Sunday Schools, conducted two prayer meetings, baptized four persons and received four into the Church ; health during the winter would not permit of going out to preach.

S. Pool Elder, Chapel Hill, has preached at sundry times and places, engaged in the Sunday School and Temperance work, and in efforts to advance one of our most useful educational institutions.

R. L. Abernethy, Elder, Rutherford College, Happy Home circuit, has preached 68 sermons, delivered 23 Temperance lectures, attended and held 64 prayer meetings, organized two Sabbath Schools, baptized 28 persons, received 32 into the Church, controlled 253 students as President of Rutherford College, heard 14 recitations daily during the scholastic year, and has instructed 103 students free of tuition. Regrets that he has not been able to accomplish still more in the Master's vineyard.

D. P. Meacham, Deacon, Raleigh, Person street Station, has had two regular appointments, has labored much in aid of the regular pastors, enjoys the work, and would gladly have accomplished much more could he have controlled the circumstances surrounding.

L. Branson, Elder, Raleigh, Person street Station, has had two regular appointments and a part of the time four regular; has preached 34 sermons, organized one Sunday School, baptized seven persons, administered the sacrament one time for the pastor, and married four couples; would gladly have accomplished more, and hopes to be more useful another year.

Jacob Sheek, Elder, Smith Grove, Mocksville circuit, has had three regular appointments, preached 43 sermons, delivered three Sabbath School lectures, conducted four prayer meetings, and received four persons into the Church.

P. M. Farrow, The Cape, Hatteras circuit, has had four regular appointments, preached 25 sermons, conducted prayer meetings occasionally, and co-operates with the pastors. During twenty years of his ministry has preached 96 funerals, and prayed much for and with the sick and dying. Owing to infirmity, cannot work much now.

J. A. Reagan, Elder, Weaversville, Asheville circuit, has had two regular appointments, preached 30 sermons, delivered ten Sunday School lectures, organized one Sunday School, baptized ten persons, and received ten members into the Church ; is doing a good work as President of Weaverville College.

Thomas W. Kendall, Long Pine, Wadesboro circuit, has had six regular appointments, preached 200 sermons, delivered fifteen Sunday School lectures, organized six Sunday Schools, conducted 12 prayer meetings; at most of his appointments has had great outpourings of the spirit of God.

H. S. Scarborough, Kennakeet, Hatteras circuit, has preached 32 sermons, conducted eight prayer meetings, and has labored with the pastor.

D. G. Meekins, Kennakeet, Hatteras circuit, has preached 37 sermons, conducted nine prayer meetings, and baptized eighteen persons; has labored in connection with the pastor.

A. F. Atkins, Elder, Albemarl, Albemarl circuit, has preached some 75 sermons at Churches within fifteen miles of home ; works strictly as an assistant pastor; has married 17 couples; has been the subject of great bereavement—in a little over two years has buried a wife and six grown daughters, beside some young children. Amid all this, he rejoices in knowing that all died in full hopes of a glorious immortality.

V. Walker, Calahan, Mocksville circuit, has had three regular appointments,

preached 36 sermons, delivered one Sunday School lecture, conducted four prayer meetings, and received six members into the Church.

Wm. Snipes, Bellvoir, Chapel Hill and Haw River circuit, has had two regular appointments, preached 25 sermons, and received two members into the Church; takes great interest in the Local Conference.

Thomas G. Whitaker, Elder, Cary, Cary circuit, has had two regular appointments, preached 40 sermons, baptized three persons, and received four members into the Church.

James B. Ballard, Elder, Troy, Pee Dee circuit, has had three, and a part of the year four, regular appointments, preached 28 sermons, delivered two Sunday School lectures, organized one Sunday School, and baptized two persons; thinks the Local Conference has greatly benefitted him, and is zealous in its promotion.

Miles P. Owen, Elder, Clinton, Clinton circuit, has had two regular appointments, and preached 22 sermons. On account of sickness has not accomplished as much as he desired; hopes to be more successful another year.

R. Harper Whitaket, Raleigh, Edenton street Station, has preached frequently in aid of the regular pastors; has labored almost incessantly in publishing the *Friend of Temperance*, and delivering temperance speeches.

T. L. D. Smith, Kittrell's, Tar River circuit, has had one regular appointment, preached 28 sermons, delivered two Sunday School lectures, conducted twelve prayer meetings, and baptized two persons; regrets that he has not been able to perform more labor.

James B. Floyd, Deacon, Wilton, Tar River circuit, has had one, and a part of the year two, regular appointments, has preached 20 sermons, visited and prayed with the sick, has had charge of class No. 1 in the Sabbath School, has talked and preached Temperance whenever and wherever he could; he is satisfied that much has been accomplished by the Local Conference in the increase of effort to do, and in looking out new plans for usefulness; but more is expected, and ought to be done.

P. H. Joyner, Elder, Winston, Winston Station, is not able to attend Conference on account of long and serious illness; regrets that he cannot attend; hopes that the brethren generally and everywhere may be inspired with increased interest in the annual meetings of the Local Conference.

On motion of L. Branson, a standing committee on Memoirs was appointed. Committee :—L. Branson, Geo. W. Neal, Solomon Pool.

Conference adjourned to 3 P. M.

FRIDAY. 3 P. M.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. R. L. Abernethy in the chair.

Reports were heard from L. Branson, Miles P. Owen, Jas. B. Ballard, R. L. Abernethy, G. W. Neal and B. York, D. D.

On motion, a committee on Temperance was appointed :—R. H. Whitaker, Miles P. Owen, and L. Branson.

On motion, the place of next annual meeting was fixed at Rutherford College.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to 8½ A. M., tomorrow, with benediction.

SATURDAY, 8½ A. M.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. R. L. Abernethy in the chair.

Religious exercises were had by Geo. W. Neal.

The Conference proceeded to the special order of business —the election of officers--resulting as follows:

R. L. ABERNETHY, President.
GEO. W. NEAL,
S. D. FRANKLIN,
J. A. REAGAN, } Vice Presidents.
L. BRANSON, Financial Secretary.

Moved by E. A. Wilson, that the President be authorized to send out one or more circulars during the year to our members, representing the interest of the Conference. Carried.

Moved that the President and Financial Secretary be requested to procure, if possible, a space in the *Advocate*, in which to publish, in brief style, reports of work done by the Local Ministers, and that the members of this Conference be requested to report frequently to the brethren the state and character of their work, in order that an abstract of these reports may be published weekly in said paper. Carried.

E. A. Wilson reported work done during the year.

On motion, reports of committees were called for.

G. W. Neill, chairman, read the following report on Education, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee appointed on the subject of Education, would submit the following report:

That the members of this Conference realize the vast importance of a thorough system of Education, comprehending, at least, the formation of intellectual and Christian Character for the children of our State. We would press this duty upon ourselves, as Ministers of Christ and friends of the rising generation, to use all our influence to secure eminent usefulness, and future happiness for those who may rise up after our departure to labor in the good cause of Methodism.—We are pleased to know that the Church of our choice in this State is striving most earnestly and successfully to educate both the head and the heart, thus fitting our youth not only for a prominent and honorable membership in society, but for the higher and holier end of life. While parents have so great interests at stake, and feel so deep a solicitude and weighty responsibility to best provide for the temporal and spiritual welfare of their children we would point them to our institutions of learning. We would refer them with great satisfaction to Trinity College for males, and Greensboro and Davenport for the daughters of our own and other States. These Colleges under the patronage of the N. C. Conference, we would most cheerfully recommend to all people.

In this great and good work, we may also class Rutherford College under the direction of Rev. R. L. Abernethy. This Institution, with an ample course of studies and a system of thorough instruction, offers the advantages of education at cheap rates, not only to those who have means to pay, but to indigent orphans, and the children of Ministers of every Christian denomination, free of charge. We take pleasure also in commending this worthy College to the consideration of our Brethren. It turns off none for want of means.

In this connection it affords us great pleasure to state that other worthy local Ministers are earnestly engaged in primary and high schools and academies in our State, doing a noble and lasting work for the Church and the world.

GEO. W. NEAL,
E. A. WILSON,
MILES P. OWEN,
Committee.

The committee on Memoirs made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Your commitee on Memoirs beg leave to report, so far as we are able from the amount of information before us. We have been informed of only two deaths in the Local ranks of our Conference during the past year: W H. Cuninggim, Sr., of Greene county, and Henry Asbury, of Lincoln county We would put on record something as a tribute to their blessed memory.

REV. W H. CUNINGGIM, SR.

Brother Cuninggim was born in Greene county on the 6th of August, 1804, and died at his home, surrounded by nearly all of his children, and many of his grand-children, on the 22d of September, 1874—something over "three score years and ten." For about 35 years (the best half of his life) he labored as a local Minister. As a Steward, as a Class Leader, Trustee of church property, as a visitor of the sick, as a leader of family devotion, as a minister preaching in the destitute places, burying the dead, and aiding the Itinerants on all possible occasions, he has left us an example worthy of our highest emulation. He gave two sons to the Ministry, and, like Abraham, commanded his children and grand-children in the ways of the Lord. He supported himself and family bountifully, and found ample time to preach the everlasting Gospel to thousands yet living. He lived truly a patriarch in Israel, and died in sight of the pearly gates. Few, if any, have left to the world a brighter example of earnest, heart-felt religion. Everlasting blessings on his memory.

REV. HENRY ASBURY.

Brother Asbury was born, lived and died in Lincoln county. He was a descendant of Bishop Asbury, and preached as a local Minister about half a century; was faithful, very earnest, laborious, and successful in calling sinners to repentance. Many years ago he had a premonition of the manner of his death, which was fulfilled last year. He was quite old, yet still laborious as a minister. During last year he was sadly burned and died suddenly—ripe, however, for the Glory Land.

L. BRANSON,
GEO. W. NEAL.
S. POOL,
Committee.

The committee on Temperance read a report, which was also adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows:

The various Temperance organizations of the State have accomplished a vast amount of good, and we are happy to know that local Ministers have generally been among the most active laborers in this great field of usefulness.

One of our number, R. H. Whitaker, aided by his wife, has for ten years published, largely at his own cost, *The Friend of Temperance*, which we believe has accomplished untold good in fighting down the fell destroyer of men. R. L. Abernethy succeeds in enlisting all his students in the Temperance work.

The Spirit of the Age is a spirited Temperance organ.

The cause of total abstinence moves forward nobly, and as a Conference we hail with joy the glorious prospect before us.

We suggest that local Ministers everywhere may accomplish great good by identifying themselves with this noble cause, which we believe to be a true handmaid of religion.

MILES P. OWEN,
L. BRANSON,
Committee.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to 3 P. M.

SATURDAY, 3, P. M.

The Conference re-assembled at the appointed time.

The Financial Secretary read his report for the year, which was adopted, as follows:

L. BRANSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY, IN ACCOUNT WITH LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, JULY 15, 1875.

DR.		CR.	
To 500 Minutes for 1874,	$18.00	By balance in Treasury,	$ .69
" Postage on Minutes,	2.50	" Collection at High Point,	8.80
" Circulars for 1875,	2.50	Contributed by Abernethy,	5.00
" Postage on Circulars,	2.50	" " S. Pool,	5.00
Balance in Treasury,	.19	" " J. B. Floyd,	1.00
		By remittances from members,	5.20
	$25.69		$25.69

On motion, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That we cordially and sincerely invite all members of the Itinerant work to meet with the Local Ministers' Conference each year, as it is our most earnest desire to co-operate in every desirable way with the regular pastors in the advancement of Methodism throughout the State.

Resolved, That it is the *interest* as well as the duty of all Local Ministers to attend as often as possible the annual meetings of our Local Ministers' Conference.

Resolved, That we do invite all Laymen of large and Christian spirit, to attend our Conferences, and aid us by their counsel and co-operation.

Resolved, That we have ever had the highest confidence in our Raleigh *Christian Advocate* and its Editors.

Resolved, That we do adopt the *Advocate* as the organ of our Conference.

Resolved, That we will use every proper effort to extend its circulation.

Resolved, That our next Conference to meet at Rutherford College, be held commencing the 3d Thursday in August, 1876.

The following complimentary resolutions were passed:

Resolved That we tender to Brother James Wilson our warmest thanks for his very cordial and Christian attention to this Conference during our stay in Kinston.

Resolved, That we tender our most sincere thanks to the citizens of Kinston for their cordial hospitality to the members of this Conference during our session.

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge the courteous ability of our presiding officers.

Resolved, That we return thanks to the railroad authorities, who have granted us the usual return tickets.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference furnish a copy of these proceedings for publication in the Raleigh *Christian Advocate* and the *Friend of Temperance*.

The Conference adjourned with benediction by the President.

R. L. ABERNETHY, President.

L. BRANSON, Financial Sec'y.

☞ TAKE NOTICE: The next annual meeting is one month later than heretofore, and will embrace the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th of August, 1876; at which time a Camp-Meeting is to be held at Rutherford College.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—*Name.*

Sec. 1. This body shall be known as the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference, and shall be governed by this Constitution and such By-Laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Sec. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the Gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the Church at large.

ARTICLE II—*Membership.*

Sec. 1. The members of this Conference shall consist of such Local Ministers as have heretofore identified themselves with the "Local Ministers' Association," and after the session of 1875, of such as shall attend in person, or send in annual reports of labor performed.

ARTICLE III—*Officers.*

Sec. 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, and a Financial Secretary; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an annual address or sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Sec. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same, as directed by the financial committee.

Sec. 4. The officers of this Conference shall constitute a finance committee, the President being chairman, which committee shall direct the application of all the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—*Contingent Funds*

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the minutes, shall be applied annually to the relief of such members, and families of the members, as the finance committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Local Ministers' Conference---Roll of Members.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.
ALAMANCE COUNTY.	
W. H. Thompson, D.	Oaks.
ANSON COUNTY.	
Thos. W. Kendall.	Long Pine.
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N. M. Weaver.	" "
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BURKE COUNTY.	
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John W. Dorsey.	" "
T. A. Dorsey, L.	Morganton.
Peter L. Herman.	"
F. R. Kaylor.	"
Joseph D. Ferree.	"
B. York, D. D., E.	Happy Home.
CALDWELL COUNTY.	
Abram Hays.	Love Lady.
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N. H. Kaylor.	"
Geo. H. Round, E.	"
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John Rumley, E.	Beaufort.
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William Snipes, E.	"
L. Burnett.	Pittsboro.
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Isaac N. Mann.	Bellevoir.

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S. R. Trawick, E.	Shelby.
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Solomon Doub.	"
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D. H. McNeill.	Harrington.

Roll of Members---Concluded.

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HYDE COUNTY.	
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IREDELL COUNTY.	
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A. F. Atkins, E	Albemarl.
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William F. Needham	Town's Creek.
Benjamin Nutt, D	Siloam.
J. J. Setliff, L	Rusk.
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J. A. English	Brevard.
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J. E. Irby	Monroe.
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D. P. Meacham, D	Raleigh.
L. Branson, E	"
W. J. W. Crowder, L	"
R. Harper Whitaker, L	"
Thomas G. Whitaker, E	Cary.
WARREN COUNTY.	
Charles M. Cook, E	Warrenton.
B. F. Long, E	"
WILSON COUNTY.	
C. W. Westbrook, E	Wilson.
WATAUGA COUNTY.	
J. A. McBride, L	McBride's Mills.
Joshua Cole, E	Boone.
John G. Combs, L	"
L. P. Blackburn, L	"
H. P. Blackburn, L	"
WAYNE COUNTY.	
William Bryant	Nahunta.
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Morris Howell	Goldsboro.
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T. S. Whittington, E	Jonesville.
Samuel Brown,	"
L. D. Burr	Yadkinville.

The foregoing is intended to be a correct list of those who have identified themselves with the Local Ministers' Conference up to the present time. All necessary corrections will be made in the next minutes.

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OF THE

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For North Carolina,

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FIRST DAY.

The 7th Conference assembled at 5 P. M., August 17th, in the Church at Rutherford College.

President R. L. Abernethy in the Chair. The exercises were opened with religious services by E. A. Wilson.

On roll call the following members responded: B. York, D. D., R. L. Abernethy, Dr. P. C. Jurney, Wm. H. England, D. P. Meacham, L. Branson, E. A. Wilson, J. A. Belk, J. C. Smith, R. M. Hoyle, Thos. W. Kendall, John Dorsey and W. M. Swafford.

Committee on Divine Services, Prof. John T. Abernethy, Rev. J. C. Smith, L. B. Abernethy and L. Branson.

On motion it was agreed that the Conference meet at 8 and adjourn at 11 A. M.—meet at 3 P. M. and adjourn at will.

It was agreed that the camp-meeting should have four sermons each day, viz: at 9 and 11, A. M., and at 3 and 8, P. M.

Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore, of the Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Conference, and responded with appropriate remarks.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8 A. M.

The Conference met according to adjournment and opened with religious services by L. Branson.

The Minutes were read and corrected.

J. C. Hartsell, of the N. C. Conference, was introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat with the members. Bro. Hartsell explained that he would leave in the evening, to attend another camp-meeting at the call of his presiding elder.

On motion of E. A. Wilson, L. Branson, Dr. P. C. Jurney and J. C. Smith were appointed a committee on Missions.

On motion of D. P. Meacham, Thos. W. Kendall, D. P. Meacham and B. York were appointed a committee on the 4th Article of the Constitution.

L. Branson moved a committee on Temperance. The Chair appointed R. H. Whitaker, E. A. Wilson and J. A. Belk.

The Standing Committee on Memoirs is expected to report during the Conference.

The Chair appointed a committee on Education, E. A. Wilson, D. P. Meacham and John Dorsey.

Committee on Sunday Schools, J. C. Smith, W. M. Swafford, W. G. Killian.

The Chair appointed as committee on Church Literature, D. P. Meacham, R. M. Hoyle and T. W. Kendall.

Rev. D. P. Goode, of the North Carolina Conference, was introduced and invited to a seat in the Conference.

Conference adjourned.

FRIDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference met at 3 P. M., and opened with religious services conducted by Abram Hays.

Additional members reported present as follows: J. L. Healan, of Lenoir; Robt. Helton, of Jacob's Fork; D. E. Warlick, of Jacob's Fork; M. L. Kaylor, of Marion; and F. R. Kaylor, of Morganton.

Robt. Helton was substituted in W. G. Killian's place on the Sunday School Committee

The following letter from Dr. J. B. McFerrin, was read:

MISSION ROOMS, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,
NASHVILLE, TENN., Aug. 10, 1876.

REV. R. L. ABERNETHY,

Dear Bro: Yours is received. Thank you for your kind invitation to the "Local Ministers' Conference." It would afford me pleasure to be there, but I am engaged from now till Christmas; very few Sunday's excepted. I have great respect for local preachers; they have been a power in our Church, and I hope their influence will never grow less for good.

Believe me, truly yours,

J. B. McFERRIN.

A very interesting and encouraging letter was also read from Bishop H. N. McTyeire, which the Secretary regrets to say has been mislaid.

The following letters and reports were then read:

OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE,
RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 17th, 1876.

Dear Bro:—Yours of the 10th, inviting me to attend your Local Ministers' Conference now in session at Rutherford College, has been received. An answer has been delayed hoping I might be able to comply with your request. I now find that I shall be denied the pleasure of meeting with you. Feeble health and other matters over which I have no control will not allow me to do so. So far as I understand the object of your Conference, I am in full sympathy with you, and pray God's blessings upon you and the deliberations of your body. I trust your Secretary will furnish a full account of your proceedings for publication in the *Advocate*.

Say to the brethren that I furnish all ministers, Local and Itinerant, with the *Advocate* at $1,20 a year. Do what you can for us.

Yours in Christian Love,

J. B. BOBBITT.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., August 14, 1876.

DEAR BRO. ABERNETHY:

I regret that I cannot attend our Conference this year. For many reasons I was specially anxious to do so; but, it is impossible for me to leave home just at this time I enclose my report, with check for two dollars, which please hand to Secretary Branson.

Please say to the Conference for me that if we can get 1000 christians to annually bring one soul to the Cross, and those brought in to do the same, and their converts the same, &c., &c., the world would be conquered to Christ in a little over twenty years. The first year, deducting for deaths 3 per cent. there would be 1,940 of these evangelistic laborers. The second year, 3,763. And in a little over 20 years the number would embrace the entire adult population of the globe; and some of us and many of our children would witness the fulfillment of that magnificent prophecy, "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Or if each of 1,000 christians would bring to Christ two souls only next year, and never bring another; and each of these two would bring two that following year, and these, two each the following year, &c., the world would be converted to Christ in about twenty years. Deducting 3 per cent. each year for deaths, the first year would behold 2,910 christians in place of 1,000. Let the original laborers retire and their converts bring each two to Christ, and the second year there are in place of 2,910, 6,586. In about twenty years the "kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

Is it too much for *every* christian to bring annually *one* soul to Christ, or *two* in a life-time? And how glorious the result of such united, determined evangelistic effort. "The harvest truly is plenteous; the laborers few." Shall we not enter more zealously ourselves, and also pray the Lord of the harvest to send into his harvest the abundant host of evangelistic lay laborers above contemplated?

We are in the midst of a revival here. My eldest son has just given his heart to God, and will connect himself with the church. I wish I could be with you and the brethren. May the Lord bless all the efforts made, and crown the meeting with abundant success.

Affectionately,

SOLOMON POOL.

WRITTEN REPORTS OF PREACHERS.

F. A. Hermon, L. P., has had three regular appointments, held 20 prayer-meetings, assisted in the Sunday School, visited and prayed with the sick, preached several times for pastor, and assisted him in his own meetings, also aided the Baptist in some of their meetings; hopes to do more for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the future; asks the prayers of the whole church and *especially* this Conference.

F. H. Kaylor, L. P., Morganton, has had 2 regular appointments this year. Has preached 24 sermons, a number of them in destitute places where there is no regular preaching; has organized 2 Sabbath Schools, visited a great many sick and dying, not only on the Sabbath, but through the week, by day and night. The poor have not been neglected; he has gone where no other minister had ever gone before. Has taken 3 persons into the church; married one couple and assisted his pastor.

I. N. Mann, L. P., Pittsboro, Chapel Hill and Haw River circuit, has had 2 regular appointments, has spent six weeks on a circuit for a sick brother, itinerant; aided in a protracted meeting, at which about 100 persons professed; preached 61 sermons; organized 2 Sabbath Schools.

R. L. Abernethy, L. D., Happy Home, preached a number of sermons not known; delivered a goodly number of Sunday School and Temperance lectures; received about 30 persons into the church; baptized 28 persons, all infants; held 30 Prayer Meetings; married 10 couples; corresponded for 10 religious and secular papers; organized and kept up one Sunday School; heard, during scholastic year, 14 recitations each day during the week, and controlled 253 students during the year.

Miles P. Owen, L. E., Clinton, N. C., reported: "I left Kinston, last year sick, and my health, during the latter part of the summer and fall was such that I could not attend to my regular work. I have done the best I could under the circumstances, and intend to do all I can, to the end of my life. It would afford me great pleasure to be with you at Rutheford. I hope you will have a pleasant time, and that much good may be accomplished. During the past year I have had 3 regular appointments and preached 28 sermons."

W. P. Williams, L. D., Davidson College, Mooresville circuit, has preached 32 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School, held 6 prayer meetings, baptized 5 persons, received 17 into the church. Maintains a deep and abiding interest in the Local Conference.

Thomas G. Whitaber, L. E., Cary, Cary circuit, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 40 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School, received 40 members into the church, is now aged but still willing to labor.

T. L. D. Smith, Kittrell's, Tar River circuit, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 42 sermons, delivered 2 Sunday School lectures, held 9 prayer meetings, and is in full sympathy with the Local Conference.

James Ballard, L. E., Pee Dee circuit, has had 3 regular appointments, and preached 34 sermons up to the 2nd Sabbath in February, since which time he has been seriously crippled and confined at home. Is now over 70 years old but still zealous for the church.

Jacob Sheek, L. E., Smith Grove, Davie circuit, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 30 sermons, and received 3 members into the church.

H. S. Scarborough, L. P., Kennekeet, Hatteras circuit, has preached 40 sermons and held 10 prayer meetings and has labored regularly with his pastor. Prays for abundant success to the Local Conference; enjoys the revival spirit, and is continually hoping for a general revival of religion.

Damon G. Meekins, L. D., Kennekeet, Hatteras circuit, has preached 48 sermons, held 4 prayer meetings, baptized 12 persons and married 4 couples; has served as class-leader for about 100 members and labored with the pastor—is in full sympathy with the Conference and prays God's blessing upon it. Reports good time at camp-meeting on the Hatteras circuit.

Solomon Pool, L. E., Chapel Hill, has not preached so often as he would like to have done; has a class of young ladies in Sabbath School, preparing to be teachers. Loves to work in the Lord's vineyard and prays for a wider field of usefulness.

J. A. Reagan, L. E., Weaverville, Weaverville circuit, has had 5 regular appointments, preached 40 sermons, organized 2 Sabbath Schools, held 1 prayer meeting, baptized 10 persons and received 20 into the church.

Verbal reports of members were heard as follows:

VERBAL REPORTS.

B. York, D. D., reported that he had preached 78 sermons, delivered 30 lectures, taught a Bible class of 80 persons, Sabbath afternoons, and baptized 4 adult persons. Has not been in good health. Reads the Bible through once a year as a rule.

Dr. P. C. Jurney has kept no exact record of his work—would gladly have done more than he has.

W. H. England has had one regular appointment and preached 21 sermons. Intends to do more next year.

D. P. Meacham has had 2 regular appointments and helped the pastors of the city and the adjoining circuits.

E. A. Wilson has had one regular appointment, and a part of the time two, three and four—preached about 50 sermons, held several prayer meetings and delivered a number of temperance addresses.

J. A. Belk has usually had three or four appointments. Delights in the work and intends to do more next year.

J. C. Smith has had one regular appointment, delivered 2 Sunday School lectures and taught a Sunday School class in college.

R. M. Hoyle did not preach much during winter but had four appointments in the summer—has worked much in prayer meetings and aided in revivals.

Thomas W. Kendall has had five appointments, averaging about 3 sermons a week, has delivered 4 Sunday School lectures and 4 temperance lectures.

John Dorsey has preached 18 sermons, delivered 3 Sunday School lectures, attended five protracted meetings and baptized 7 persons.

Abram Hayes reports that his work is confined mostly to the Sabbath. He has preached 26 times, baptized 6 infants and married 4 couples.

J. L. Healan reports two regular appointments, has assisted the pastor and probably preached as many as 25 times during the year. He is getting in years, and cannot do as much as he would.

Robert Helton reported two regular appointments, preached about 35 sermons, atteuded some camp-meetings and aided the pastor.

D. E. Warlick reported two regular apointments, preached 30 times and aided the pastor; received one person into the church.

M. L. Kaylor reported four regular appointments and has missed only one appointment during the year; preached in all about 40 sermons and greatly enjoys the work. Has married 2 couples.

L. Branson reported 2 regular appointments and the usual amount of work.

Divine Services for Saturday ordered to commence at 8 a. m.

Nominations for place of next meeting being in order, E. A. Wilson nominated Jamestown, Guilford county. J. L. Healan nominated Lenoir. Jamestown was selected.

THIRD DAY.

8, A. M., SATURDAY.

Conference opened by Dr. York.

Minutes read and amended.

F. A. Harmon of King's Mountain and W. G. Killian of Killian's Mills reported present.

The Committee on Education presented the following report which was adopted:

REPORT.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report:

Realizing the importance of a thorough system of education upon which may be based an intelligent christian charcter, we are impressed with the duty as ministers of Christ, and friends of the rising generation, of doing all we can, in co-operation with those who are laboring in this branch of our beloved Methodism. In this connection, it affords us pleasure to refer to the various institutions in this State, which are earnestly and successfully laboring for the intellectual and spiritual advancement of the youth of our Church, that they may be fitted as ornaments to society here and finally as "living stones for that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

We refer with great pleasure to our Institutions under the patronage of the N. C. Conference, Trinity College for males, and Greensboro and Davenport Female Colleges for females. These schools, under able and pious faculties, are doing noble work.

In this great and good work we refer with great pleasure to Rutherford College, under the able and efficient management of our retiring President, Rev. R. L. Abernethy.

This Institution affords a system of mental and moral instruction inferior to none in the State, and its cheap rates commend it to all who have the means to pay, while the indigent and the children of ministers of all denominations are received free of charge; none are turned away for want of means.

We also recommend to the consideration of our brethren any other schools, under the patronage of our church, as means by which the doctrines of our beloved Methodism may be properly disseminated.

E. A. WILSON,
D. P. MEACHAM,
JOHN DORSEY,
} COMMITTEE.

The following report from the Committee on Sabbath Schools was adopted:

REPORT.

The Committee would submit the following brief report:

WHEREAS, The Sabbath School is one of the most important institutions of the church; and, WHEREAS, we deem it to be in a large measure necessary to the advancement and success of the Sabbath School cause that ministers, both Local and Itinerant should give the schools their attention and bestow upon them a certain amount of labor; therefore,

Resolved, That we as the Local Ministers of the N. C. Conference will each endeavor to do all in our power to aid the cause, by laboring for the schools already organized, and in organizing others where they may be needed.

Resolved, That we will each deliver, this year, if practicable, one or more lectures to each school within the bounds of our several fields of labor.

Resolved, That we do heartily indorse the Nashville Sunday School publications, and would hereby recommend them to all our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SMITH,
W. M. SWAFFORD,
ROBERT HELTON.
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The Committee on article 4th made the following report which was adopted:

REPORT.

Your Committee to whom was referred the 4th Article of our Constitution beg leave to report:

Feeling the need of a more practical and efficient interpretation of the 4th

Article of our Constitution, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That learning with sorrow that many of our aged and worthy Local brethren, who have given much of their time and substance to the service of the church without the hope of fee or reward, and who now in their declining years are in needy circumstances, it is our bounden duty to do what we can for their relief.

Resolved 2, That to make practical our ideas of christian charity it shall be the duty of each member of this Conference to take up a public collection in each congregation he may serve during the coming year, to be applied as a contingent fund for such purposes, and forward it to the Financial Secretary of the Conference.

Resolved 3, That a committee of three shall annually be raised whose duty it shall be to ascertain the needs of our indigent, infirm brethren, and apportion said fund among them according to their needs.

Resolved 4, That this fund shall not apply to any who are not members of this Conference.

THOS. W. KENDALL, *Chairman.*
B. YORK,
D. P. MEACHAM.

F. R. Kaylor from the Committee on Church Literature reported as follows, which report was adopted:

REPORT.

Your Committee on Church Literature beg to submit the following report:

That, after a careful survey of the field before us, we as Local Ministers of the M. E. Church, South, are more than ever convinced of the importance of and necessity for more work, in the distribution of our Church denominational books and religious papers. We do not forget that we have a large Book and Publishing House, in Nashville, Tenn., which ought to receive our most liberal patronage. In view of the fact, that wherever our denominational books and papers are circulated and read, we do not fail to mark favorable results; Therefore,

Resolved, That, we as Local Ministers of the M. E. Church, South, urge upon our people the importance of liberally patronizing our Book and Publishing House, and especially urge upon our Local Preachers the importance of patronizing and circulating the *N. C. Christian Advocate*, the organ of Methodism in our State, also any and all others of our church journals.

Resolved, That, we warmly recommend the *Friend of Temperance*, published at Raleigh, N. C., by Rev. R. H. Whitaker, a member of this Conference. It is not only a good family paper, but an able co-adjutor of our ministerial labors.

D. P. MEACHAM,
T. W. KENDALL,
R. M. HOYLE. } *Committee.*

B. Killian reported:

Had preached about 12 sermons; had only been a part of the year on the circuit.

The hour of 3, P. M., was selected for the election of officers.
Adjourned with the benediction.

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3 O'CLOCK, P. M., SATURDAY.

Opened with prayer by D. P. Meacham.
On motion the special order was postponed in order to hear

the report on Temperance, which was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report:

Believing a large part of our work, as christian ministers, lies in the Temperance field, and that great good to humanity has resulted from our persistent labors in this direction, we are encouraged to prosecute this line of duty vigorously and thereby encourage the cause of total abstinence in every laudable way we can, both by identifying ourselves with one or other of the various organizations in the State, and by delivering lectures on the subject whenever opportunity offers.

We also recommend the FRIEND OF TEMPERANCE, published by Rev. R. H. Whitaker, a member of this Conference, as a good Family Paper and one that is doing a great work for the temperance reform.

We are encouraged at the success of the temperance work in this State, and pray for a still greater awakening on this great subject.

E. A. WILSON, J. A. BELK, } COMMITTEE

The election of officers then took place with the following result:

President—R. L. Abernethy.

Vice-Presidents—E. A. Wilson, T. W. Kendall, Dr. P. C. Jurney.

Financial Secretary—L. Branson.

The following report presented by the Financial Secretary was adopted:

L. BRANSON IN ACCOUNT WITH LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, AUGUST 19, 1876.

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By balance on hand,	19
By Conference collection at Kinston,	$ 1,12
Amount received of E. A. Wilson,	1,00
" " " R. L. Abernethy,	2,05
" " " W. P. Williams,	1,00
" " " J. W. Watson,	50
" " " Wilson Atwater,	50
" " " Solomon Pool,	5,00
" " " L. Branson,	3,00
" " " R. H. Whitaker,	5 00
" " " Collections Remitted,	3,50
" " " " otherwise,	5,75
Total Receipts,	$ 28,61

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To cash paid for printing Minutes,	$ 20,00	
" " postage on Minutes,	3,00	
" " postage on Circulars,	1,50	
" " printing "	1,75	$ 26,25
Balance on hand,		$ 2,36

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the citizens of Rutherford College for their cordial hospitality to the members of this Conference during our session.

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge the courteous ability of our presiding officers.

Resolved, That we return thanks to the Railroad authorities who have granted us the usual return tickets.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference furnish a copy of these proceedings for publication in the Raleigh *Christian Advocate* and the *Friend of Temperance*.

Resolved, That we cordially invite all members of the Itinerant work to meet with the Local Ministers' Conference each year, as it is our most earnest desire to co-operate in every desirable way with the regular pastors in the advancement of Methodism throughout the State.

Ordered that the next Conference, appointed to be at Jamestown, meet on Thursday (July 26th,) before the last Sabbath in July, 1877.

On motion of W. H. England the reports will include the time from Conference to Conference.

Conference then adjourned with the benediction by the President.

R. L. ABERNETHY, *President.*
Happy Home, N. C.

L. BRANSON, *Secretary*,
Raleigh, N. C.

The Camp-Meeting.

The meeting was commenced on Thursday night. The attendance was good; the audience attentive. Four sermons were preached daily, and penitents came to the altar almost from the beginning of the meeting. Good spiritual sermons were preached by Meacham, Wilson, Jurney, England, Healan, Hilton, Kendall and others. The crowd increased from day to day. The College, Faculty, students and citizens all seemed to appreciate the occasion. It was in many respects a camp-meeting of the olden days—a meeting of sermon, of song, of mourning, of released captives and shouts of victory. It was a meeting such as Local Ministers enjoy on all occasions—carrying its effects, as we trust, to the glory land.

CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I—*Name.*

Sec. 1. This body shall be known as the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference, and shall be governed by this Constitution and such By-Laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Sec. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the Gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the Church at large.

ARTICLE II—*Membership.*

Sec. 1. The members of this Conference shall consist of such Local Ministers as have heretofore identified themselves with the "Local Ministers' Association," and after the session of 1875, of such as shall attend in person, or send in annual reports of labor performed.

ARTICLE III—*Officers.*

Sec. 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, and a Financial Secretary; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an annual address or sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Sec. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distributions of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same, as directed by the financial committee.

Sec. 4. The officers of this Conference shall constitute a finance committee, the President being chairman, which committee shall direct the application of all the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—*Contingent Fund.*

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the minutes, shall be applied annually to the relief of such members, and families of the members, as the finance committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE---ROLL OF MEMBERS.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
Alamance County.	
W. H. Thompson, D.,	Oaks.
Anson County.	
Thomas W. Kendall,	Long Pine.
Dr. John S. Kendall, E., aged 82 years.	Ansonville,
T. M. Henly,	Cedar Hill.
John Hutchison,	Polktown.
Alleghany County.	
J. F. Roberts, D.	Laurel Branch.
J. L. Pugh, L	Mouth of Wilson.
Ashe County.	
Jonas Wagg,	Jefferson.
Beaufort County.	
Dr. Roscoe Hooker, E.	Aurora.

ROLL OF MEMBERS Continued.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.
Buncombe County.	
Dr. J. A. Reagan, E.	Weaverville.
J. S. Weaver,	Reams' Creek.
N. M. Weaver	" "
G. W. F. Hampton	Asheville.
Geo. W. Penley, E.	Laurel Fork.
Burke County.	
R. L. Abernethy, E.	Happy Home.
John W. Dorsey	" "
T. A. Dorsey, L.	Morganton.
Peter L. Herman	"
F. R. Kaylor	"
B York, D. D., E.	"
J. A. Belk	Happy Home.
J. C. Smith	"
Caldwell County.	
Abram Hays	Love Lady.
J. L. Healan	Lenoir.
N. H. Kaylor	"
Geo. H. Round, E.	"
Carteret.	
Dr. E. L. Perkins, E.	Newport.
John Rumley, E	Beaufort.
David W. Porter	Newport.
Caswell.	
Solomon Lea, E.	Leasburg
Catawba.	
David E. Warlick	Jacob's Fork.
Robert Helton	" "
Jordan N. Payne	North Brook.
Chatham.	
Jonas Stuart	Martha's Vineyard.
J. W. Cotton, D.	Merry Oaks.
Wilson Atwater, E.	Snipes' Store.
Henry Mann, L.	Bellevoir.
William Snipes, E.	"
L. Burnett	Pittsboro
Minter Johnson	Egypt.
Isaac N. Mann	Bellevoir.
Lewis Phillips, E.	Harper's X Roads.
Cleaveland County.	
Robert Ledford, D.	Johnson.
W. M. Swafford	Knob Creek.
R. M. Hoyle	Holley Bush.
Craven County.	
James A. Suydam, E.	New Berne.
George W. Neal, E.	" "
Cumberland County.	
Love Culbreth	Blockersville.
Davidson County.	
Joseph Miller, D.	Salem.
J. W. Burton	Thomasville.
Dare County.	
Damon G. Meekins, D.	Kennekeet.
H. S. Scarborough, L.	Kennekeet.
P. M. Farrow	The Cape.
Davie County.	
Vincent Walker	Mocksville.
Daniel Potts	Shady Grove.
Jacob Sheek, E.	Smith Grove.
Forsythe County.	
P. H. Joyner, E.	Winston.
S. D. Franklin, E.	"
John Alspaugh, E.	Mt. Tabor.
James E. Petree	"
J. B. Doub	Vienna.
Solomon Doub	"
J. H. White, E.	Salem.
S Long, E.	"
S. R. Trawick	Kernersville.
Franklin County.	
W. A. Brame, D.	Louisburg.
Gates County.	
Costen Jordan	Sunsbury.
Granville.	
Lewis K. Wiley, E.	Oxford.
T. L. D. Smith, D.	Kittrell's.
John W. York	Oxford.
J. B. Floyd, D.	Wilton.
Greene.	
Dr. B. S. Hardy, E.	Hookerton.
S. W. Ormond	"
Guilford.	
Thos. Reagan, L.	Jamestown.
J. Bodenheimer	"
E. A. Wilson	Greensboro.
Halifax.	
G. W. Heptinstall	Enfield.
J. A. B. Kilpatrick	Enfield.
F. B. Andrews	Littleton.
J. W. Heptinstall	Littleton.
Harnett.	
D. H. McNeill	Harrington.
D. N. McLean	Box 65, "
Henderson.	
C. M. Greer, D.	Hendersonville.
W. B. Reese	"
Hyde.	
Hezekiah Farrow	Sladesville.
Zion F. Meekins	"
J. M. Watson, E.	Lake Landing.
Iredell.	
Dr. J. P. Nicholson	Eagle Mills.
T. A. Nicholson E.	Eagle Mills.

ROLL OF MEMBERS Concluded.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.
Dr. P. C. Jurney, E	Olin.
T. A. Coon	"
Johnston.	
S. Hines Whitaker	Clayton.
Madison.	
John H. Southerland	Marshal.
Macon.	
C. D. Smith, E	Franklin.
Martin.	
J. S. Short	Williamston.
McDowell.	
W. Kaylor	Marion.
Wm. H. England	Bridgewater.
Mecklenburg.	
John F. Butt	Charlotte.
J. J. Prather	Davidson College.
W. P. Williams, D	" "
Moore.	
Lewis Phillips	Fair Haven.
Hardy Saunders	Macedonia.
Montgomery.	
J. B. Ballard, E	Troy.
Nash.	
J. J. Johnson	Nashville.
E. A. Bobbitt	Castalia.
Orange.	
Solomon Pool, E	Chapel Hill.
William Dollar	Hillsboro.
Person.	
W. R. Webb	Roxboro.
Pitt.	
Wm. Bryant	Bethell.
Samuel Brown	"
Redding Moore, E	Greenville.
Dr. J. H. Johnson	"
Randolph.	
Amos Gregson, E	High Point.
Nereus Coltrane	Trinity College.
Richmond.	
J. A. Covington	Rockingham.
J. W. O'Brien	Bear Branch.
Frank Sandford	Rockingham.
Leonard Webb	Bostick's Mills.
Robeson.	
Neil M. Ray	Lumberton.
Rockingham.	
Daniel E. Field	Leeksville.
Elisha Eudaly	Lime Kiln.
Rowan.	
Isaac M. Shaver	Gold Hill.
A. K. Murchison	Salisbury.
Sampson.	
Miles P. Owen, E	Clinton.
Stanley.	
A. F. Atkins, E	Albemarle.
Surry.	
Wm. Rawley	Mt. Airy.
James Needham	"
William F. Needham	Town's Creek.
Benjamin Nutt, D	Siloam.
J. J. Setliff, L	Rusk.
Transylvania.	
A. F. English	Davidson's River.
J. A. English	Brevard.
Union.	
J. E. Irby	Monroe.
James Ricket	"
Wake.	
A. N. Betts	Apex.
D. P. Meacham, D	Raleigh.
L. Branson, E	"
W. J. W. Crowder, L	"
R. Harper Whitaker, L	"
P. J. Wray	Raleigh.
Thomas G. Whitaker E	Cary.
L. Turner, L	"
Warren.	
Charles M. Cook, E	Warrenton.
B. F. Long, E	"
Wilson.	
C. W. Westbrook, E	Wilson.
Watauga.	
J. A. McBride, L	McBride's Mills.
Joshua Cole, E	Boone.
John G. Combs, L	"
L. P. Blackburn, L	"
H. P. Blackburn, L	"
Wayne.	
William Bryant	Nahunta.
A. J. Finlayson, E	Goldsboro.
John T. Brogden, D	Everettesville.
Morris Howell	Goldsboro.
Gray C. Garris	Freemont.
Yadkin.	
T. S. Whittington, E	Jonesville.
Samuel Brown	"
L. D. Burr	Yadkinville.

The foregoing is intended to be a correct list of those who have ident ified themselves with the Local Ministers' Conference up to the present time. All necessary corrections will be made in the next minutes.

NOTE—L signifies Licentiate; D Deacon; E Elder. Ordination not known where there are no letters after the name.

MINUTES

OF THE

Local Ministers' Conference,

(M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,)

For North Carolina,

HELD AT

JAMESTOWN, N. C.,

JULY 26TH, 27TH, AND 28TH, 1877.

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RALEIGH, N. C.:
FRIEND OF TEMPERANCE BOOK & JOB PRINTING OFFICE.
1877.

N. C. Local Ministers' Conference

FOR

1877.

The Conference met July 26th, in the Academy at Jamestown, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

E. A. Wilson, 1st Vice President, presiding.

L. Branson Secretary.

Rev. J. T. McIlhany, vsiting brother from South Carolina, opened the Conference with religious exercises.

The roll was then called.

On motion of L. Branson the Chair appointed as committee on Divine Services, Thomas Reagan of the Conference, J. W. Lewis, Pastor, J. S. Ragsdale, citizen, Rev. E. A. Wilson.

On motion of Thomas Reagan the hours for business were fixed as follows: Meet at 8, A. M., and adjourn in time for 11 o'clock services; meet at 3, P. M., and adjourn at will.

Rev. J. T. McIlhany, a Local Preacher of Spartansburg, S. C., was formally introduced to the Conference, by L. Branson, and welcomed to a seat in the body.

Rev. J. W. Lewis, of the N. C. Conference and Pastor of North Guilford circuit, was introduced and invited to a seat.

On motion, the Conference appointed as Committee on Temperance, E. A. Wilson, R. M. Stofford and J. F. Butt.

Rev. J. W. Heptinstall was added to the standing Committee on Memoirs.

Solomon Pool moved that a Committee on Education be raised. Motion adopted, and R. L. Abernethy, Solomon Pool and Dr. P. C. Jurney were appointed said committee.

On motion, J. F. Butt, Solomon Pool and Thomas Reagan were appointed a committee on Missions.

Committee on Divine Services anuounce that services will be held at 11 o'clock, A. M., and 8, P. M., each day.

Ministers present in person during Conference:

R. L. Abernethy, President of Rutherford College; Solomon Pool, of Chapel Hill; J. W. Heptinstall, Littleton, Halifax county, N. C.; L. Branson, Raleigh; James Bickett, Monroe, Union county; John F. Butt, Charlotte; R. M. Stofford, Guilford county; Thomas Reagan and E. A. Wilson, Jamestown, Guilford county; J. W. Burton, Thomasville, Davidson county; A. G. Kirkman, Guilford county.

Represented by letter:

William Swofford, Camp Creek; B. York, D. D., Rutherford College; Joshua Cole, McBride's Mills, Watauga county; J. E. Irby, Mt. Prospect, Union county; W. P. Williams, Davidson College; H. Farrow, Sladesville, Hyde county; A. F. Atkins, Albemarle, Stanly county; J. N. Mann, Pittsboro, Chatham county; H. Farrow, Sladesville, Hyde county; J. B Floyd, Wilton, Granville county; S. Long, Salem, Forsythe county; Dr. P. C. Jurney, Olin, Iredell county; T L. D. Smith, Kittrells, Granville county; William F. Needham, Tom's Creek, Surry county; Jacob Scheek, Smith Grove, Davie county; William Snipes, Pittsboro, Chatham county; Dr. J. P. Nicholson, Eagle Mills, Yadkin county; W. H. Thompson, Oaks, Orange county; Dr. J. A. Reagan, Weaverville, Buncombe county, Joseph Miller, Davidson county, R. H. Whitaker, Raleigh, Lewis Phillips, Fair Haven, Moore county, Solomon Lea, Leasburg, Caswell county, P. M. Farrow, The Cape Dare County, H S. Scarborough, Kennekeet, Dare county, D. G. Meekins, Kennekeet, Dare county, George W. Penly, Hominy Creek, Buncombe county J. A. Belk Happy Home, Burke county, J. W. Cotton, Merry Oaks, Chatham county, William England, Rutherford College; N. C. Combs, McBride's Mills, Watauga county, J. M. Watson, Lake Landing, Hyde county, C. W. Westbrook, Wilson, Wilson county, Miles P. Owen, Clinton, Sampson county, James B. Ballard, Troy, Montgomery county, S. D. Franklin, Winston, Forsythe county, Amos Gregson, Union Factory, Randolph county, D. P. Meacham, Raleigh.

Visiting Ministers:

J. W. Lewis, pastor of the north Guilford circuit, S. D. Adams, pastor of the Greensboro station, Jacob Gier of the Methodist Protestant Conference, Nathan Rabins of the Methodist Protestant Conference, J. T. McIlhany of S. C.

The following correspondence is from distinguished brethren.

RICHMOND, VA., July 30th, 1877.

DEAR BROTHER:—Your Conference will have been held before this letter will reach you. I did not return from Texas until the 19th inst., wearied and worn with a long and laborious tour of District Conferences. Besides, I have been sick since my return, and therefore did not answer you sooner.

Our Local preachers are very numerous and are capable of great usefulness to the Church. I sympathize with your efforts of self-improvement, and trust the power, in so large a body, for good, may be appropriated fully to the glory of God, and the salvation of souls. It has been entirely out of my power to be with you. I hope you have had a profitable session. Local preachers have a special work to do. They have been of great service in former years, and should vindicate the policy of the Church in their appointment. This is eminently important with those who have received orders. Too many forget the solemn vows which they took in the ordination service. It would be a good thing, too, it they would adopt some regular course of study, as it is not exacted of them. It would add greatly to the efficiency and dignity of the office.

Trusting that your meeting may prove a blessing, I am

Yours affectionately,

D. S. DOGGETT.

GREENSBORO, N. C., July 5th, 1877.

DEAR BRO. BRANSON:—Yours of the 23rd ult. came to hand during my absence

from home. I regret that I shall be unable to attend the Local Conference, as my District Conference at Henderson will begin the 28th inst.,—two days after the time of your meeting. I am sorry that the two come at the same time, not only because I should be greatly pleased to be at the Local Conference, but because I desire the presence and help of yourself and all other Local ministers in my District, at our District Conference.

Providence permitting, I hope to see you before the meeting, as my Quarterly Meeting at Edenton street Church, in your city, will give me a few days' stay in Raleigh.

In haste, Truly,

N. H. D. Wilson.

Greensboro, N C., June 26th, 1877.

My Dear Bro. Branson:—Your favor of the 23rd inst., kindly inviting me to attend, and preach at, the Local Preachers' Conference, which meets at Jamestown, the 26th of July next, is before me.

It would afford me much pleasure to comply with your special invitation did my own pressing engagements permit. Had I known in time when your Conference met I would have taken great pleasure in arranging my appointments so I could have been present. I have had a desire to visit your Conference in session ever since it has been instituted. The Local Preachers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have done great good in the past, and I see no reason why they should not be equally useful now and in the future. They pioneered Methodism into America, and in very many places as it spread over America. They were raised up by the Great Head of the Church to do a great work: and as long as they work in the spirit of Christ their labors will be owned and blessed of God. In the local as in the itinerant ranks fidelity to the church—fidelity to the vows of the ministry, humbly relying upon the promises of God—can but result in saving souls and building up the Church of Christ. We should never forget that we can do nothing without the aid of the Holy Ghost: and His presence and aid will be given only as we recognize our dependence upon Him, and call for Him. When we are weak then are we strong. I sincerely hope you may have a pleasant and profitable session. May the God of all grace and of all blessings be with you, and baptize you afresh with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

I am, my dear brother,

Yours in the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

M. L. Wood.

Conference adjourned with Benediction by J. W. Lewis.

Thursday, 3 O'clock, P. M.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, President R. L. Abernethy in the chair.

J. W. Heptinstall opened the meeting by reading the 1st Psalm, singing and prayer.

On motion the President's opening address was postponed until 10 o'clock, Friday.

On motion, Solomon Pool, J. W. Heptinstall and Thomas Reagan were appointed a committee on Sabbath Schools.

On motion, R. L. Abernethy, L. Branson and E. A. Wilson were appointed a committee on Church Literature.

On motion, the time of electing officers was fixed at 8, A. M., Saturday.

An hour was spent in reading the written reports of members.

WRITTEN REPORTS.

James B. Ballard, Elder, Troy, Montgomery county, has had three regular appointments—since August has preached 14 sermons—is yet on crutches, hence much disabled from labor. Is now past 70 years. He desires the prayers of the Conference, and hopes to complete his course with victory.

S. D. Franklin, Elder, Winston, Forsythe county, has had two regular appointments—preached 35 sermons, held several prayer meetings, baptized one person and received one into the church; is just recovering from a severe spell of fever, and desires to be able to attend Conference.

J. F. Butt, Elder, Charlotte, has had charge of Calvary Mission church—has preached 150 sermons, baptized 12 children, received 21 persons into the church; has held about 520 exercies of all kinds during the year—has labored zealously and enjoyed his work.

J. W. Cotton, Deacon, Merry Oaks, Chatham county, has had one regular appointment and done some miscellaneous work.

J. A. Belk, Elder, Happy Home, Burke county, has had three regular appointments—preached 33 sermons, organized one sabbath school, held 4 prayer meetings and baptized five persons.

George W. Penly, Elder, Homily Creek, Buncombe county, has had three regular appointments, preached 50 sermons, held 2 prayer meetings, and received 5 persons into the church--heartily endorses the Local Conference and prays that great grace may rest upon it.

D. G. Meekins, Deacon, Kennekeet, Dare county, has had one regular appointment—preached 29 sermons, held 4 prayer meetings and baptized 3 persons. Is trying to do the will of the Master and expects to obtain the reward at the end of the race. Is in full accord with the Conference and prays for its success.

H. S. Scarboro, Licentiate, Kennekeet, Dare county, has had one regular appointment; has preached 35 sermons and held 6 prayer meetings—labors in the sabbath school and aids the pastor in his work—prays for the success of the Local Conference.

P. M. Farrow, Deacon, Dare county, has preached 33 sermons, held prayer meetings occasionally and baptized 7 persons—is much afflicted yet preaches when he can. Feels a deep interest in the Local Conference and prays for its success.

S. Lea, Elder, Leasburg, Caswell county, has preached 2 sermons; is much afflicted and fears he will never be able to preach or teach any more. In age and infirmity gives the Conference his benediction.

Lewis Phillips, Elder, Fair Haven, Moore county, has had 4 regular appointments; has preached 70 sermons, held 27 prayer meetings, baptized 5 persons, and received 8 persons into the church—aids the pastor and is trying to do his full duty.

Joseph Miller, Elder, Salem, Davidson county, has had three regular appointments; has preached 30 sermons, and aids his pastor as he is able. Is old and afflicted, and expects, when he falls, to fall in the cause of the Master.

W. H. Thompson, Elder, Oaks, Orange county, has had three regular appointments—preached 30 sermons and organized one sabbath school. Would gladly have done much more but for affliction. Still loves the work of the Master.

Wm. M. Swofford, Deacon, Camp Creek, Cleveland county, has had two regular appointments, preached 24 sermons and held 9 prayer meetings.

Dr. J. P. Nicholson, Licentiate, Eagle Mills, Yadkin county, has had three regular appointments, preached 15 sermons and held 3 prayer meetings.

Wm. Snipes, Elder, Pittsboro, has had two regular appointments, and preached 30 sermons; is now in his 84th year—feels that he cannot work so much as formerly—but, while the body is giving way, feels that his faith is growing stronger. Desires prayer that his end may be in peace.

John W. Burton, Thomasville, has had three regular appointments, preached 35 sermons, organized 1 sabbath school and held 10 prayer meetings; still loves to work in the vineyard.

Jacob Sheek, Elder, has preached 40 sermons, organized 1 sabbath school and held 4 prayer meetings.

Wm. F. Needham, Deacon, has had three regular appointments, has preached some 35 sermons and held about 20 prayer meetings. Prays for the success of the Conference.

T. L. D. Smith, Deacon, has had three regular appointments, preached 33 sermons and held 6 prayer meetings. Desires the success of the Conference.

Dr. P. C. Jurney, Elder, has preached 15 sermons and held 10 prayer meetings—has labored variously in co-operation with the religious interests of the country.

J. N. Mann, Deacon, has had three regular appointments, preached 50 sermons, baptized 4 persons, and received 6 into the church—has labored much in revivals and had many precious seasons of rejoicing in his labors.

S. Long, Elder, is quite old and greatly afflicted; cannot preach or labor now, but still loves the cause of the Master.

J. B. Floyd, Deacon, has had two regular appointments, preached 20 sermons and held 8 prayer meetings. Is fully in sympathy with the Local Conference and its work.

H. Farrow, Elder, has had three regular appointments and done various miscellaneous work, which he hopes has been more or less useful. Still loves to preach and labor.

G. W. Heptinstall, Elder, has had four regular appointments and preached many funerals; spent nearly two months with his pastor in holding protracted meetings; preached 7 sermons on the subject of sabbath schools, baptized 10 or 15 persons and held some prayer and class meetings; rejoices in his efforts to do good.

Dr. J. A. Reagan, Elder, has had three regular appointments, preached 50 sermons, held 2 prayer meetings, baptized 10 persons, and received 20 into the church.

B. York, D. D., Elder, has had one regular appointment; has preached 35 sermons, organized 1 sabbath school, delivered 30 lectures on sabbath schools and other subjects;—feeble health and close confinement to college duties have made his work less than usual; ardently prays for success to the Conference.

W. P. Williams, Deacon, has had one regular appointment, preached 26 sermons, baptized 11 persons and received 5 into the church—has labored with his pastor in protracted meetings, visited and prayed with the sick, and found spiritual comfort in the work.

A. F. Atkins, Elder, has preached nearly every sabbath—some 40 or 50 sermons in all—has labored generally and joyfully as a local preacher; loves the work, and loves the Local Conference; is now old, but lively in faith and joyful in hope.

E. A. Wilson, Elder, has had one regular appointment, preached 50 sermons, organized 1 sabbath school and held about 20 prayer meetings; has labored variously and joyfully—hopes he has accomplished some good in the Master's cause.

J. E. Irby, Elder, has had three regular regular appointments, has preached some 40 sermons and delivered 10 sabbath school addresses, has conducted many prayer-meetings, has been preaching about 30 years, is greatly afflicted, is in full sympathy with the Local Conference, and desires to continue a member until transferred to the upper kingdom.

Joshua Cole, Elder, has preached 26 sermons, held some prayer and exhortational meetings—is now 75 years of age, and 45 years a minister.

L. Branson, Elder, has had two regular appointments in each month; has preached some 35 sermons, working mostly as a missionary in out of the way places, held prayer meetings, visited the sick, helped to bury the dead, and tried to comfort the living;—hopes to do more work each successive year.

Newton C. Combs, Licentiate, on account of ill health has not done a full year's work, yet has preached and held prayer meetings as able, and labored in sabbath school nearly every sabbath—hopes to do more work another year.

Wm. England, Elder, has preached 30 times, married 1 couple, attended 2 protracted meetings—hopes to do more another year.

J. M. Watson, Elder, has had three regular appointments; has preached 30 sermons and baptized 4 persons.

C. W. Westbrook, Elder, has preached 12 sermons, held some 25 prayer meetings and led class frequently—has not entirely recovered from bronchitis contracted during the war—preaches only occasionally; desires the prayers of the Conference.

Miles P. Owen, Elder, has two regular appointments; has preached 16 sermons and organized 1 sabbath school—has been sick three months during the year. After forty years of active labor, with a shattered constitution, does not expect to accomplish much more; feels he will soon have to retire from active labor and await the summons, for which he is striving to be ready—prays success upon the Local Conference.

The committee on divine services announced James T. McIlhany to preach at night.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. W. Lewis.

FRIDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Conference met at the usual hour, R L. Abernethy in the chair. Solomon Pool opened the meeting by reading, singing and prayer.

The minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

The Conference proceeded to hear other written reports.

Wilson Atwater was reported by Solomon Pool to be aged and infirm, but devoted, useful and holy.

J. A. B. Kilpatrick was reported by J. W. Heptinstall to be a good and useful local preacher and zealous in mission work.

J. F. Butt of Charlotte, James Bickett of Monroe and R. M. Stofford of Guilford reported present.

James Bickett, 76 years of age, reported in person, making

a feeling statement of his work, his sufferings, his faith and love.

Ten o'clock having arrived the President read his annual address which was ordered to be placed on the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The Sunday School; its History and Adaptation to the Present Age.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE:

In compliance with the requirements of the constitution of this associated body, it becomes my official duty, as your unworthy President for the ecclesiastic year ending this day, to preach you a sermon, or prepare you an address upon some special subject of interest to the Church of the living God. I have chosen to do the latter: and my subject is, "The Sunday School—its History and Adaptation to the present Age." In doing this I shall draw largely upon the historical statistics of the day.

"The origin of Sunday Schools is popularly ascribed to Robert Raikes of Gloucester, in 1781. His claims may, however, be fairly contested by Ludwig Hecker, of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, who about the year 1739 commenced Sabbath Schools for the poorer class around him."

"Raikes seeing a number of children miserably ragged and profane, playing upon the streets, learned upon inquiry that on Sundays the town was filled with a multitude of such wretches, who, having no employment upon that day, spent their time in playing at different games, cursing, swearing, &c. In order to check in some measure this deplorable profanation of the Lord's Day, he engaged four women to keep dame schools, to instruct as many children as he could induce to attend these schools on Sunday, in reading and the church catechism, for which they were to receive one shilling, each.

In a very short period of time, a visible improvement was seen both in the manners and morals of the children who came in considerable numbers: they all attended church with their teachers, and a great many learned to read and say their catechism. Such was the origin of Sunday Schools.

The Gloucester newspapers noticed this excellent scheme in 1783; but a letter written by Mr. Raikes and published in the "*Gentleman's Magazine*," in 1784, first drew general attention to the subject. Numerous schools formed on the same model, sprang up in all the principal towns and cities of England, and a society under high patronage was formed in London in 1785 for the establishment and support of Sunday Schools throughout the kingdom. This society in fourteen years expended 4000 pounds English money in payment of teachers.

About this time, her Majesty, Queen Charlotte, admitted Mr. Raikes to a confidential and friendly audience, and expressed great pleasure in his enterprise and her approbation of his plan. This was the first stage of the Sunday School. The only great impediment to its progress was the expense of hiring so many teachers. Even in Gloucester, the very birth-place of Sunday Schools, and where the enterprise had the high sanction of the Queen of England, after Mr. Raikes' death in 1811, all the Sunday Schools were closed for a time for want of means.

In 1800 and afterwards, nearly all instruction in Sunday Schools was given gratuitously. This was a means of starting Sunday Schools on a new career of success. A higher class of teachers offered their services, and the Sunday School soon assumed more of the moral and benevolent, and less of the literary and scientific. It was then that this instrumentality of grace began to find its place among the God-given means of human enlightenment and regeneration. Secular teaching, which in certain places consisted in spelling, writing and arithmetic, gave way for that species of religious instruction which aided greatly in forming and moulding the characters of some of the best and wisest men of England.

In 1803 the "*Sunday School Union*" was formed, which through its various publications, its traveling agents and its branch societies in every part of the kingdom, exercised a powerful influence on the Sunday School cause.

The Sunday School found its way into Scotland as early as the year 1782—

but it was not publicly recognized till 1786, when the society for promoting "Religious Knowledge among the Poor," was organized. Since that time Sunday Schools and Sunday School Unions have been formed in Edinburgh, Glasgow and most all the towns and cities of the country. The names of such men as Dr. Chalmers, James Gall, the author of the "Lesson System," and David Stowe, the author of the "Training System" derive an immortality of renown from the active part these great and good men took in the Sunday Schools.

"In 1785, the system pursued by Mr. Raikes was adopted in Ireland. Since that time its history in that country has been analogous to that of England."

"Sunday Schools were first introduced into New York by certain benevolent ladies, in 1816. They now cover the entire territory of this "land of the free, and home of the brave." There are probably to-day, in the entire world, more than a million Sunday School teachers and over *Ten Millions* of scholars!—What a rising host of youthful soldiers for the Church of the Living God!

Such are the meagre outlines of the history of Sunday Schools in christendom."

We now proceed to the discussion of the 'Adaptation" of this grand instrumentality to the moral wants of the present age.

"The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath." This invests man with higher importance than the sabbath, making the latter a contributing element of usefulness to the former. The Great Supreme, in giving positive law to keep the sabbath holy, doubtless did so for his own glory; while such a course of action would result in man's highest good. The experience of holy and pious men, who have given their testimony upon this subject, is that there is a SPECIAL BLESSING on the right employment of God's day. It is on Sunday that the mind looks beyond the things that are seen to those that are unseen:—it is then that the soul of man is brought into elevating, purifying and blessed communion with the spirit of God. In what more successful manner can these happy results be attained than by the hallowing influences of praying teachers and praying scholars in the Sunday School?

'The exalted mission of this noble institution of the present age, is to put an "open Bible" in the hands of all who teach and all who learn: its hallowed purpose, to implant its sacred truths as gems that shall take root, spring up and bear rich harvest of holy thoughts and pious deeds, as lasting as the soul itself.'

We may truthfully say that, the sabbath school is the medium through which God in his providence is speaking to this nineteenth century, and reiterating the command, "Search the Scriptures!" If this voice from the excellent glory is heeded, the present age will become wiser, better, happier, holier, and the next generation, perhaps, the wisest, best, happiest, holiest that shall have been created by God, on this earth, redeemed by the riches of His grace.

In the language of a modern writer, whatever may be the characteristics of this age, in other respects, it has some specially marked traits that impress the mind of every thinker. Prominent among these is an *intensified earnestness* in whatever enterprise the mind undertakes. Almost everything connected with the actions of individuals, communities and nations, proclaims them to be most terribly in earnest. In whatever direction you see signs of progress, there you will also see the element of earnestness driving men forward in their varied spheres of action. Ambition and self-love swell the great public heart of the present age to such an intensity of emotion and determination, as to cause individual effort far to surpass the gladiatorial struggles of ancient Greece and Rome. Money, place and power are fast becoming the captured trophies only of earnest energy and ambitious scheming.

Such is the extent of competition in every field of human effort, be it for good or evil, that the most determined, untiring earnestness alone presents any hope of success. Ours is not the age for drones and triflers.

If this, then, is the spirit of the age. one great need of the present generation is some power to regulate and direct into proper channels, this mighty current of human zeal. That power is the controlling influence of religious truths; and in what way may they be more successfully imparted than by the pulpit, the press and the SABBATH SCHOOL?

This is an age of wickedness and moral debasement. It may not be the most depraved of all ages; but there can be no doubt that in the times in which we live, vice in every form, and villainy of every kind, graceless, shameless, unprincipled and hellish, are doing their work of sin and death under the protec-

tion of legal enactments, based upon incorrect views and false interpretations of moral relations. The fashionable and covetous professor attends church only "to see and be seen," to sleep during the delivery of the sermon, or become a critic upon those portions of it, at least, that bear heavily upon his wrong course of conduct. The beautiful belle, an ostensible worshipper of the living God, wrapped in the gaudy tinsel of the shop, cut, crimped, shaped and puckered, into more unseemly forms than Daniel's beast had heads and horns,—sniggers, whispers and wriggles till the sermon is finished, and then she prances along homeward beside her gallant, muttering as she goes, "O, what a long and tedious sermon! I have been praying for half an hour for Mr. B. to quit preaching. What a bore he is?"

Trickery and dishonest dealing, chicanery and swindling go hand in hand through every community with gossiping and scandal, lying and slander. Even the most decent members of society are worshippers of gods of silver and gold, "who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the name of the Lord." It is the boast of the briber that every man has his price. Robbery and theft are defying the laws of the land; and often the red-handed murderer is given a seat in our places of honor, profit and trust. "The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life," are, in this age, proclaiming their enmity to God and their love of the world, in a ratio proportioned to the increased facilities afforded for their gratification. Is there not, then, on this account, a great need of every neutralizing influence to all this corruption? God and good men are organizing sabbath schools, to aid in alleviating this diseased state of private and public morals.

It would consume too much time and space to dwell upon all the characteristics of this age. It is sufficient to know that it is an age of fashion; an age of speculation: an age in which infidelity holds its sway under the pretence of new revelations and new doctrines: an age in which imposters and false prophets are deceiving and being deceived. It is the age when "the mystical harlot, the the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth, drunken with the blood of saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus, in unholy confederation with the beasts and kings of the earth, upheld by her deluded peoples and nations and tongues, is continuing to make war with the Lamb, and with them that are with him, who are the called, the chosen and the faithful." Ours is an age and ours the country in which thousands are being trained from infancy to honor the hoary imposter who dares to proclaim himself the equal of God. Having for 1260 years assumed to be God's vicegerent, he now asserts that every act, emenating from him, has that attribute which belongs only to acts of God. How is this tendency to be met, the torrent to be stemmed, but by unsealing the fountain of truth—by an "open Bible"—that two-edged sword of the spirit wielded through the agency of the pulpit and the sabbath school?

I cannot pass away from this part of my subject without reminding you that ours is an age when the pen is mightier than the sword of men, both for good and for evil. The reading world is flooded with a deluge of secular, infidel and semi-religious newspapers, reviews, magazines, essays and novels. A writer for the public press moulds public opinion through unnumbered channels of influence. His thoughts, whether they are the message of a spirit of light, or the foul errand of a goblin lost, are read by myriads, and they clothe the mind with a triple mail of virtue, knowledge and truth, or they leave a barbed arrow to rankle and poison and fester amid the passions and prejudices of men. This mighty power is at work in our age. How often do we find it a power for evil!

The press is only doing its right work when it befriends the weak and oppressed—hates fraud and tyranny of every kind, and stands with uplifted axe, a dreaded executioner of all the pests of society.

A venal press is as great a curse as a mercenary judiciary and a hypocritical priesthood. Our age abounds with these moral abominations, and is it not a great necessity to implant in the minds of our young people the principles of our holy christianity, which are those of truth and goodness? Then will the mind and soul be fortified against the attacks of demoralizing writers and bad books will not find their way into our parlors and libraries, but a literature that entertains, instructs and interests, because of its intrinsic merit, will take the place of trash that is too eagerly sought for by the fashionable and thoughtless.

Thus it is that multiplied influences for evil may be remedied by the potent aid of the Sabbath School.

God, ever merciful and beneficent, even to those who are wayward and ungrateful, has always, in his providence, raised up, at the required time, the very influence best adapted to the wants of every age. When the wants of the fifteenth century demanded a new world for the oppressed and persecuted saints of God scattered among the hierarchies of Europe, the hand of our beneficent Lord is seen bringing into action the combined influence of everything required to supply that demand. A hardy, bold and enterprising class are being trained for the purpose; a self-sacrificing woman, rightly titled queen, was ready to risk her crown-jewels on the venture; not the first or the only one of Eve's fair daughters, whose generous impulses have entitled her to a fame, worth more than all the jewels of the earth. Besides this, the mariner's compass had just been invented, and was ready to direct the daring navigator through the pathless waters; whilst at the required hour an exalted human character, with all the endowments of genius, wise in theory and skillful in practice, was produced to conceive, plan and execute the discovery of a new world. Thus it has ever been that God's hand has, with wisdom, power and goodness, blessed means suited to the wants of every age. This view is fully sustained from the circumstances attending the great Protestant Reformation, the origin of Missions, the Declaration of Independence, the Rise of Methodism, and a multitude of occurrences connected with the progress of science and art. What a consolatory thought, brethren, that God adapts the special requisite to every age! If asked what is the great want above every want of this age, I would answer, "Religious Knowledge." A head to know and understand the mind-expanding, soul-saving truths which the Bible reveals, is as much needed, as a heart to feel them and a hand to practice them.

Next to the pulpit, the Sabbath School, properly conducted, is adapted to this great want of the present age. A knowledge of the Word of God which shall convince the men of this generation that its origin is divine and given by inspiration of God; a knowledge which shall impress its historical facts and eternal doctrines upon the mind, and its warnings, persuasions and promises upon the heart, and its lessons of practicable wisdom upon the conduct of life, can only be acquired by patient, oft-repeated study and instruction. This knowledge is of such value that no estimate can be too high to place upon it; for if it be not the pearl of great price, it is so intimately connected with its possession as to be inseparable from it.

Other knowledge may be desirable as accomplishments, ornaments, and even for use; but if it have not for its base the eternal truths of revelation, it will be a superstructure without a foundation. "Other foundation can no man lay."—If other knowledge, whether practical or theoretical, if all the acquirements of the human mind, in every field of thought and action are founded on religious truth and experience through faith, it towers as a pyramid never to be overthrown. This knowledge is imperishable in time, and durable as eternity.

Let every lover of good society in the land do his duty in the Sunday School cause, and this country shall soon blossom and flourish as the garden of God. On its divine mission the Sunday School has gone forth, "bearing precious seeds: it doubtless shall return with rejoicing, bringing its sheaves with it."—"Its scholars shall be known in the gates when they sit among the elders of the land." Through its instrumentality, God grant that "our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; and that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."

The Conference adjourned for the 11 o'clock services. L. Branson was announced to preach at that hour.

J. W. Heptinstall was announced to preach at night.

FRIDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference met at the appointed hour; S. D. Adams of the

North Carolina Conference opened the meeting with religious exercises.

Rev. Jacob Gier, of the Methodist Protestant Church, was introduced to the Conference and welcomed to a seat in the body.

Verbal reports were continued.

Thomas Reagan reported no regular work done on account of health—he is now advanced in years, but loves the cause and works as he is able.

Solomon Pool reported one regular appointment, and a variety of miscellaneous work: he also laid before the Conference his scheme of evangelization. After a very interesting discussion by S. D. Adams, J. W. Lewis, John F. Butt and others, on motion of J. F. Butt, the plan of evangelization was submitted to the Committee on Missions.

J. W. Heptinstall reported four regular appointments, one of which he has not changed for twenty years—aids the pastor, preaches many funerals, and still holds some prayer and class meetings.

R. M. Stafford reported work done. Stated that he was converted nineteen months since as the result of Sunday School influence—has been laboring in the Sunday School and prayer meetings, and rejoices in the work.

E. A. Wilson reported. Has not preached as much as some other years, but has been more engaged in prayer meetings; is determined to work more largely another year.

A Bible Reading by J. F. Butt was appointed for 9 o'clock, Sunday morning.

E. A. Wilson submitted a report on Temperance, which report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report:

Still feeling the promotion of the cause of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks to be a duty imperatively demanded of us as ministers of Christ, and realizing the great good that results from our labors in this direction, we feel encouraged to press the work vigorously by precept and example.

We are gratified at the success of the Temperance work in this State, and feel that we can do much in our sphere to augment these results; and we earnestly recommend that every member of this Conference be requested to preach at least one sermon, during the year, on the subject of Temperance, to each congregation served by him. We also recommend that our members identify themselves with one or more of the Temperance organizations, and deliver lectures and organize new societies whenever and wherever they can.

In this branch of our ministerial labors, we gratefully acknowledge the able and efficient services of the Raleigh Friend of Temperance, conducted by Rev. R. H. Whitaker, a member of this Conference, and his accomplished lady. We regard it as an excellent family paper and recommend it to the confidence and patronage of our people. Respectfully submitted,

E. A. Wilson,
R. M. Stafford,
John H. Butt,
} *Com.*

R. L. Abernethy was announced to preach at 11 o'clock on Saturday.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by President Abernethy.

J. W. Heptinstall preached at night. Five penitents presented themselves at the altar.

SATURDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Conference met at 8, A. M., President Abernethy in the chair. Meeting opened with religious services conducted by John F. Butt.

E. A. Wilson read the report of the committee on Church Literature, which report was adopted as follows:

CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Church Literature beg leave to submit the following report:

We still feel the great importance to us as a Church of a proper distribution of our denominational literature. Especially should we seek to introduce into our Sabbath Schools the books from our Publishing House, as we are sure to realize the good results therefrom in the early conversion of a large number of our children and their consequent accession to our church.

As ministers we recognize and advocate an intelligent christianity,—"always being able to give a reason for the hope that is in us;" therefore we urge upon our people the great importance of properly sustaining our Publishing House at Nashville and of reading and circulating its books and periodicals. We also recognize the claims of our own State organ, the *N. C. Christian Advocate*, and its claims upon our patronage and influence, and pledge ourselves to use every proper means to extend its sphere of usefulness. We also endorse the other Journals of our Church and recommend them to the confidence and patronage of our people.

We also call attention to the *Local Preacher*, edited and published monthly at Little Rock, Ark., by Rev. Stephen Busbee, a Local preacher of that city. The paper is ably edited and perfectly loyal to the Church and to the doctrines of the Church. Bro. Busbee has kindly published the proceedings of this Conference in his paper, and given us a kind editorial notice for which he deserves our thanks and our patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

L. BRANSON,
R. L. ABERNETHY,
E. A. WILSON, } *Com.*

The time of election having arrived the election was gone into and resulted as follows:

PRESIDENT—R. L. Abernethy.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—E. A. Wilson, John F. Butt, J. W. Heptinstall.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY—L. Branson.

The following verbal reports were made:

R. L. Abernethy reported work done—has been very closely engaged in college duties—has given large attention to religious training of the young—and, while rejoicing in work done, hopes and expects to accomplish more in the future. Has received between 20 and 30 members into the church.

J. W. Burton reported: has had several regular appointments—holds prayer and class meetings, and greatly enjoys the work.

Additional written reports were read by the Secretary.

L. Branson presented his Financial Report which was read and adopted as follows:

L. BRANSON IN ACCOUNT WITH LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, JULY 26, 1877.

DR.

By Balance on hand, August 19, 1876,	$ 2.36
" Collections at Rutherford College,	6.66
" Remittances from members,	8 00
Total Receipts,	$17.02

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To Printing Minutes for 1876,	$12.00	
" Postage on Minutes,	1.60	
" 200 Circulars,	1.75	
" Postage on Circulars,	1.60	
" Balance cash in hand,	7	
		$17.02

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools ask leave to submit the following report:

Our convictions grow stronger every day of the great importance of this institution, and would recommend to all an increased diligence in this great and good work. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Local Ministers of the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference will do all within our power to advance its interest.

S. POOL,
J. W. HEPTINSTALL, } *Com.*
THOS. REAGAN.

Rev. Nathan Robbins of the Methodist Protestant Church was introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat in the body.

Solomon Pool read the report of the Committee on Education which was adopted, as given below. In discussing this report, Rev. J. W. Lewis called attention to the fact that the local ministers have been pioneers in the missionary and the educational work of the Church.

ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education respectfully report:

That we recognize Education as the twin sister of our holy religion. They have gone hand in hand. Civilization and Evangelization should be synonomous. Though the Methodist church is yet comparatively young, yet we are gratified at the high rank we to-day hold in the intellectual culture of the young. We claim for our church in North Carolina a position with respect to education, as high as that held by any denomination in the land. As a church we point with pride to Trinity, for the education of young gentlemen, and Greensboro Female College, for the education of young ladies, and to a number of high schools and seminaries under the immediate patronage of our church. At these colleges and seminaries and schools we are assured that not only is attention paid to the intellect, but to the heart. The spiritual, as well as the mental culture of the student, is made an object.

Many of the schools are under the care and control of Local Preachers. At this we are highly gratified, believing as we do that the vocation of Teacher is not only one of honor but one which opens a wide field of usefulness. The Conference desires to direct especial attention to the Rutherford College, at Happy Home. It was founded by, and is now under the Presidency of a member of this Conference, Rev R. L. Abernethy. No College in the State has been more prolific of good. It is largely patronized, and gives to its graduates diplo-

mas which mean that they are highly cultivated both in head and heart. We are credibly informed that at great personal sacrifice on the part of its generous and able President and Professors, over 1000 students have received tuition free in that institution. That this tuition has been given on an average two years each. Estimating it at the value of $ 25 per term, and the Institution has gratuitously given to the young in tuition the sum of over $100 000. This Institution should be an object of pride not only to this Conference but to the State.—It is now in need of funds to continue its usefulness. It offers gratuitous instruction to the sons and daughters of ministers of every denomination and to all indigent orphans. We most earnestly solicit, in its behalf not only the sympathy and patronage of all our people, but such material assistance as any may be able and disposed to contribute.

SOLOMON POOL,
JOHN F. BUTT,
R. M. STAFFORD. } *Com.*

Rev. Solomon Pool offered the following resolution, which, after a full and free discussion, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Conference that no change in the method of licensing Local Preachers by Quarterly Conferences, as provided in the Discipline, is needed; and we do not deem it proper to transfer the jurisdiction over Local Preachers from Quarterly to District Conferences.

The Conference went into the selection of a place for the next meeting. Charlotte and Raleigh were put in nomination. Charlotte was unanimously selected, and the time fixed at Thursday before the last Sabbath in July.

John F. Butt read the report on Missions, the adoption of which was postponed to the evening session.

A. G. Kirkman reported present and was introduced to the Conference.

The Conference adjourned till 3, P. M.

SATURDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The President called the Conference to order promptly and worship was had by James Bickett.

The report on Missions was resumed, and after discussion was unanimously adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We the committee on missions beg leave to make the following report:

We consider ourselves as Local Preachers more particularly engaged in the great mission work. Missionary fields properly speaking are those places where the people are in such moderate circumstances as not able to contribute the necessary sums to employ persons and support them whose whole time should be given to the work. Therefore, if he that gives but a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple shall not lose his reward, we may look forward in the future world if we are faithful unto death, to a rich reward for souls saved by our gratitous service among the poor and forsaken, who owe their salvation to those who like Paul laboured through the week with their hands and then on the Sabbath preached the Gospel to the po or, one of the most unmistakeable evidences of our call to the ministry.

But our work is not yet done. If we have been able by the grace of God in the past, to do much in the great missionary field of saving those who would not have been saved without our efforts, without remuneration, there are many fields yet white to the harvest. We recommend all our Brethren to look up such

fields and search out for such destitute places and go and do the work that will gladden their hearts and cause them to rise up in the day of judgment and and call us blessed because we have considered the poor and labored for them. And also highly recommend the plan put on foot by our worthy Bro. Solomon Pool for the more rapid conversion of the world. And suggest that a copy of the plan as printed be put in the hands of each Local Preacher in the State with a request that they shall consult the Preachers in charge and together form some plan to make more rapid progress than has been made before for the conversion of many who are walking in the broad and frequented way that leads to death.

JOHN F BUTT,
SOLOMON POOL, } *Com.*
THOS. REAGAN.

On motion of L. Branson, Solomon Pool was appointed Agent of Missions and Evangelization.

A. G. Kirkman reported as having four regular appointments, and doing much mission and Sunday School work.

Rev. John F. Butt offered the following complimentary resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we are more than pleased with the very warm reception given us by the people of Jamestown and vicinity.

Resolved, That we acknowledge the usual courtesies of the Railroads.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference, furnish a copy of these proceedings for publication in the Raleigh *Advocate*, and the *Friend of Temperance*.

Resolved, That we cordially invite all members of the Itinerant work to meet with the Local Conference each year, as it is our most earnest desire to cooperate in every proper way with the regular pastors.

On the Sabbath, sermons were preached by R. L. Abernethy, Solomon Pool and J. W. Heptinstall. The communion was adminstered to a large number of persons, and a gracious revival attended the Conference, resulting in the conversion of about 40 souls.

Conference then adjourned with the benediction.

R. L. ABERNETHY, *President*,
Happy Home, N. C.

L. BRANSON, *Secretary*,
Raleigh, N. C.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—*Name.*

Sec. 1. This body shall be known as the North Carolina Local Minister's Conference, and shall be governed by this Constitution and such By-Laws as shall hereafter be adopted all of which shall be in accordance with the discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Sec. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the Gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the Church at large.

ARTICLE II—*Membership*

Sec. 1. The members of this Conference shall consist of such Local Ministers as have heretofore indentified themselves with the "Local Ministers' Association," and after the session of 1875, of such as shall attend in person, or send in annual reports of labor performed.

ARTICLE III—*Officers.*

Sec. 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, and a Financial Secretary; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference deliver an annual address or sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Sec. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same, as directed by the financial committee.

Sec. 4. The officers of this Conference shall constitute a finance committee the President being chairman, which committee shall direct the application of all of the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—*Contingent Fund.*

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the minutes, shall be applied annually to the relief of such members, and families of the members, as the finance committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE--ROLL OF MEMBERS.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
ALAMANCE.	
W. H. Thompson, deacon,	Oaks.
ANSON.	
Thomas W. Kendall,	Long Pine,
Dr. John S. Kendall, elder, aged 83 years.	Ansonville,
T. M. Henly,	Cedar Hill.
John Hutchison,	Polktown.
ALLEGHANY.	
J. F. Roberts, deacon,	Laurel Branch.
J. L. Pugh, licentiate,	Mouth of Wilson.
ASHE.	
Jonas Wagg,	Jefferson.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
BEAUFORT.	
Dr. Roscoe Hooker, elder,	Aurora.
W. H. Cuninggim,	"
W. L. Cuninggim,	"
BUNCOMBE.	
Dr. J. A. Reagan, elder,	Weaverville.
J. S. Weaver,	Reams' Creek.
N. M. Weaver,	" "
G. W. F. Hampton,	Asheville.
Geo. W. Penley, elder,	Laurel Fork.
BURKE.	
R. L. Abernethy, elder,	Happy Home.
John W. Dorsey	" "

ROLL OF MEMBERS Continued.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
CALDWELL.	
T. A. Dorsey, licentiate,	Morganton.
F. R. Kaylor,	"
B. York, D. D., elder,	"
J. A. Belk,	Happy Home.
W. England, elder,	" "
Abram Hoys,	Love Lady.
J. L. Healon,	Lenoir,
N. H. Kaylor,	"
Geo. H. Round, elder,	"
CARTERET.	
Dr. E. L. Perkins, elder.	Newport.
John Rumley, elder	Beaufort.
David W. Porter,	Newport.
CASWELL.	
Solomon Lea, elder,	Leasburg.
CATAWBA.	
David E. Warlick,	Jacob's Fork.
Robert Helton,	" "
Jordan N. Payne,	North Brook
CHATHAM.	
Jonas Stuart,	Martha's Vineyard.
J. W. Cotton, deacon,	Merry Oaks.
Wilson Atwater, elder,	Snipe's Store.
Henry Mann, licentiate	Bellevoir.
William Snipes, elder,	"
L. Burnett,	Pittsboro,
Isaac N. Mann,	"
Lewis Philips, elder,	Harper's X Roads.
CLEAVELAND.	
Robert Ledford, deacon,	Johnson.
W. M. Swafford,	Knob Creek.
R. M. Hoyle,	Holley Bush.
CRAVEN.	
James A. Suydam, elder,	New Berne.
George W. Neal, elder,	" "
CUMBERLAND.	
Love Culbreth,	Blockersville.
DAVIDSON.	
Joseph Miller, deacon,	Salem.
J. W. Burton,	Thomasville.
DARE.	
Damon G. Meekins, deacon,	Kennekeet.
H. S. Scarborough, licentiate.	"
P. M. Farrow,	The Cape.
DAVIE.	
Vincent Walker,	Mocksville.
Daniel Potts,	Shady Grove.
Jacob Sheek, elder,	Smith Grove.
FORSYTHE.	
P. H. Joyner, elder,	Winston.
S. D. Franklin, elder,	"
John Alspaugh, elder,	Mt. Tabor.
James E. Petree,	"
J. B. Doub,	Vienna.
J. H. White, elder,	Salem.
S. Long, elder,	"
S. R. Trawick,	Kernersville.
FRANKLIN.	
W. A. Brame, deacon,	Louisburg.
GATES.	
Costen Jordan,	Sunsbury.
GRANVILLE.	
Lewis K. Wiley, elder,	Oxford.
T. L. D. Smith, deacon,	Kittrell's.
John W. York,	Oxford.
J. B. Floyd, deacon,	Wilton.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
GREENE.	
Dr. B. S. Hardy, elder,	Hookerton.
S. W. Ormond,	"
GUILFORD.	
Thos. Reagan, licentiate,	Jamestown.
J. Bodenheimer,	"
E. A. Wilson,	High Point.
HALIFAX.	
G. W. Hepinstall,	Enfield.
J. A. B. Kilpatrick,	Littleton.
F. B. Andrews,	"
J. W. Hepinstall,	"
HARNETT.	
D. H. McNeil,	Harrington.
D. N. McLean,	Box 65, "
HENDERSON.	
C. M. Greer, deacon,	Hendersonville.
W. B. Reese,	"
HYDE.	
Hezekiah Farrow,	Sladesville.
Zion F. Meekins,	"
J. M. Watson, elder,	Lake Landing.
IREDELL.	
Dr. J. P. Nicholson,	Eagle Mills.
T. A. Nicholson,	" "
Dr. P. C. Jurney, elder,	Olin.
T. A. Coon,	"
JOHNSTON.	
S. Hines Whitaker,	Clayton.
MADISON.	
John H. Southerland	Marshall.
MACON.	
C. D. Smith, elder,	Franklin.
MARTIN.	
J. S. Short,	Williamston.
MCDOWELL.	
W. Kaylor,	Marion.
Wm. H. England,	Bridgewater.
MECKLENBURG.	
John F. Butt,	Charlotte.
E. Overcorst,	"
Dr. S. Pharr,	"
Thomas Ledwell,	"
John N. Butt,	"
T. J. Piggott,	"
——— Ellington,	"
John Abernethy,	"
J. J. Prather,	Davidson College.
W. P. Williams, deacon,	" "
MOORE.	
Lewis Philips,	Fair Haven.
Hardy Saunders,	Macedonia.
MONTGOMERY.	
J. B. Ballard, elder,	Troy.
NASH.	
J. J. Johnson,	Nashville.
E. A. Bobbitt,	Castalia.
ORANGE.	
Solomon Pool, elder,	Chapel Hill.
William Dollar,	Hillsboro.
PERSON.	
W. R. Webb,	Roxboro.
PITT.	
W. Bryant,	Bethell.
Samuel Brown,	"
Redding Moore, eld.,	Greeneville.
Dr. J. H. Johnson,	"
RANDOLPH.	
Amos Gregson, elder	High Point.
Nereus Coltaaine,	Trinity College.

ROLL OF MEMBERS Continued.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
RICHMOND.	
J. A. Covington,	Rockingham.
J. W. O'Brien,	Bear Branch.
Frank Sandford,	Rockingham.
Leonard Webb,	Bostick's Mills.
ROBESON.	
Neill M. Ray,	Lumberton.
ROCKINGHAM.	
Daniel E. Field,	Leeksville.
Elisha Eudaly,	Lime Kiln.
ROWAN.	
Isaac M. Shaver,	Gold Hill.
A. K. Murchison,	Salisbury.
SAMPSON.	
Miles P. Owen,	Clinton.
STANLEY.	
A. F. Atkins,	Albemarle.
SURRY.	
Wm. Rawley,	Mt. Airy.
James Needham,	"
Wm. F. Needham,	Town's Creek.
Benjamin Nutt, deacon,	Siloam.
J. J. Setliff, licentiate,	Rusk.
TRANSYLVANIA.	
A. F. English,	Davidson's River.
J. A. English,	Brevard.
UNION.	
J. E. Irby,	Monroe.
James Bickett,	Monroe.
WAKE.	
A. N. Betts,	Apex.
D. P. Meacham, deacon,	Raleigh.
L. Branson, elder,	"
W. J. W. Crowder, licentiate,	"
R. Harper Whitaker, "	"
P. J. Wray,	"
L. Turner, licentiate,	Cary.
WARREN.	
Charles M. Cook, elder,	Warrenton.
B. F. Long, elder,	"
WATAUGA.	
A. J. McBride, L.	McBride's Mills.
Joshua Cole, E.	" "
John P. Combs, L.	" "
Geo. W. Osborn, L.	" "
N. C. Combs, L.	" "
H. B. Blackburn, L.	Boone.
WAYNE.	
William Bryant,	Nahunta.
A. J. Finlayson, E.	Goldsboro.
John T. Brogden, D.	Everettsville.
Morris Howell,	Goldsboro.
Gray C. Garris,	Freemont.
YADKIN.	
T. S. Whittington, E.	Jonesville.
Samuel Brown,	"
L. D. Burr,	Yadkinville.

The foregoing is intended to be a correct list of those who have identified themselves with the Local Ministers' Conference up to the present time. All necessary corrections will be made in the next minutes.

NOTE—L signifies Licentiate; D Deacon; E Elder. Ordination not known where no letter appears after a name.

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FOR

1878.

The Conference met on Thursday, July 25th, in Calvary Church, in the city of Charlotte, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

John W. Heptinstall, third Vice-President, in the chair.

John F. Butt, second Vice-President, present.

L. Branson, Secretary, present.

The Conference was opened with religious services by D. P. Meacham.

The roll was called and account taken of members present, and corrections made in the roll.

President Abernethy, not being able to be present, sent his annual address, which was read by the Secretary. After discussion the address was laid over to the evening session.

On motion, the committee on Divine Services was appointed as follows: J. F. Butt, pastor of Calvary Church, Thos. Ledwell, member of the Conference, and Wm. H. Chick, layman of Calvary Church.

On motion of D. P. Meacham, the hours of business were fixed as follows: Meet at 9 A. M., and adjourn in time for 11 o'clock services; meet at 4 P. M., and adjourn at will.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

D. P. Meacham preached at 11 o'clock.

Ministers present in person during the Conference:

Rev. R. L. Abernethy, President of Rutherford College: John W. Heptinstall, Littleton, Halifax county; John F. Butt, Charlotte; E. Overcash, Thomas Ledwell, L. W. Piggott, Thomas Ellington, W. H. Bass, Charlotte; J. W. Abernethy, Charlotte; W. P. Williams, Davidson College; D. P. Meacham, L. Branson, of Raleigh; P. M. Plyler, South Carolina.

Represented by letter:

W. H. England, Marion: I. N. Mann, Pittsboro; N. M. Ray, Moss Neck; T. L. D. Smith Kittrells; James M. Watson, Lake Landing; J. W. Cotton, Merry Oaks; Lewis Phillips, Fair Haven; W. H. Thompson, Oaks; John W.

Burton, Thomasville; B. York, D. D., Rutherford College; James Bell Floyd, Wilton; Dr. J. A. Reagan, Weaverville; Jacob Sheek, Smith Grove; John S. Short, Williamston; W. A. Brame, Louisburg: D G. Meekins, Kennekeet; P. M. Farrow, The Cape; Hardy Sanders, Gold Regions; Solomon Pool, Chapel Hill; Wm. Snipes, Bellevoir; Wilson Atwater, Snipes' Store; Miles P. Owen, Clinton; Dr. P. C. Jurney, Olin; James B. Ballard, Troy; Henderson S. Scarborough, Kennekeet; F. R. Kaylor, Morganton; Joshua Cole, McBride's Mill, Frank Sanford, Rockingham; E. A. Wilson, High Point; W. J. W. Crowder, R. Harper Whitaker, and P. J. Wray, Raleigh.

THURSDAY, 4, P. M.

The Conference assembled promptly at the appointed hour. Religious services were had by W. H. Bass.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion, President Abernethy's address was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF N. C.:

According to the requirements of the Constitution of the Local Ministers' Conference of N. C., which make it the duty of the President to deliver an Annual Address or preach a sermon on the first day of each annual meeting, I had prepared a sermon upon the "Superiority of the Christian System over all other Religious Systems," which I had hoped to preach at this Conference. The sermon not being written, however, and being unavoidably and unexpectedly hindered from attending this annual meeting, (the first that I have failed to attend since our reorganization ten or twelve years ago,) I am forced to the necessity of writing you a short and very imperfect letter, on the day previous to your meeting.

So far as I have been able to learn through our Church organs and from other sources, the past Conference year has been one of great religious success in our Local ranks. A goodly number of revivals has been commenced and successfully conducted by our Local brethren in different parts of this State, as well as throughout many of our Southern States. Our Heavenly Father has thus been vindicating our claims as a body of ministers, to a proper recognition upon the part of the Church in general and of our Pastors in particular, as a moral element of power and usefulness in the land not to be ignored by the "authorities that be." With such a recognition and endorsement by the Great Head of the Church, as a body of humble, pious lay-ministers, we may well afford to pass unheeded the slights and disparaging innuendoes of learned, though *prejudiced* Fathers, as well as the pompous non-recognition of young ecclesiastical upstarts, who will know better by the time they have cut their wisdom teeth.

I am glad, however, to know, brethren, that this Conference of Christian ministers is in full sympathy and union with the great body of Methodism in the South, both in its ministry and laity; that we are acknowledged to be at least *one important beat* in the great throbbing heart of Methodistic Christianity. Let this suffice. Our rewards will be given by the hands of infinite wisdom and impartial justice.

We have great reason to be thankful to Almighty God for his protecting and preserving providences through the year. While death has been permitted to invade the ranks of our Itinerant brethren and Pastors, as the President of this Conference, I have not heard of the death of a Local minister in the State.

Our ranks have been increased considerably by the addition of licentiates from the Quarterly Conferences of the State. It is humbly hoped that our worthy and efficient Secretary will make his usual efforts to have as many as possible of these brethren enrolled among our members.

As a non-legalized social body, we still have *rights*, notwithstanding the op-

posite opinion of some of our Pastors. In our capacity as a Local Ministers' Conference, we have the right to make any law that does not conflict with our relation to Methodism; provided that law relates entirely to the control or government of this Conference, and does not conflict with the principles of the Methodist discipline. While as a body we have no right to try or expel a member from the Methodist Church, yet we have the right to make our own laws by which this body of Christian ministers shall be controlled in their assembled capacity, and to expel a member from this body when he violates these laws.

I make these remarks because some of our brethren seem afraid to speak in this direction.

I would call the attention of this body of ministers to the move of some of our members of the late General Conference, in reference to the transfer of the control of the Local ministry from the Quarterly, to the District Conference. This, I think, is a most dangerous mistake. Of course, this body has no power to avert this evil; but you have the right of demurring in your resolutions, &c., that the Church may know *our* feelings as a Conference upon the subject.

I am glad to be able to report that the Rutherford College over which I have had the honor to preside for the last twenty three years, has never been more prosperous than during the past term. I shall be very grateful for any endorsement this Conference may see proper to give the Institution in its report upon education. I shall also be very glad to have your influence in behalf of the school.

In retiring from the Presidency of this body, a position which your kindness has given me annually for the last several successive years, I return my most hearty thanks for the favor so partially conferred, and pray the Great Head of the Church to direct in all your deliberations.

Yours in Christ,

R. L. ABERNETHY.

The death of Lewis K. Wiley, of Oxford, was announced, and a number of eulogies pronounced. The committee on memoirs was requested to prepare a biographical sketch of the deceased members.

On motion, W. P. Williams, L. Branson, and D. P. Meacham, were appointed a committee on the "Status of the Local Ministry."

Committee on Temperance,—J. F. Butt, Thos. S. Ellington, and L. W. Piggott.

Committee on Education,—Wm. H. Bass, W. P. Williams, and L. Branson.

On motion, the time for election of officers was fixed at 9 A. M., Saturday.

On motion of J. F. Butt, a committee of one in each Presiding Elders' District, was ordered to collect statistics as to Local Preachers, names and residences, and the following were appointed:

J. W Heptinstall, Washington; W. P. Williams, Salisbury; J. F. Butt, Charlotte; L. Branson, Raleigh; Miles P. Owen, Wilmington; E. A. Wilson, Greensboro; Dr. E. L. Perkins, Newberne; R. L. Abernethy, Happy Home; Lewis Phillips Fayetteville; Solomon Pool, Hillsboro; Dr. J. A. Reagan, Asheville; and C. D. Smith, Franklin District.

A large number of reports were read from preachers in various parts of the State.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

J. W. Heptinstall preached at night.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.,—SECOND DAY.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes were read and approved.

Religious services were had by W. P. Williams.

Rev. P. M. Plyler, a Local Minister from Hampton, Lancaster county, S. C., was introduced to the Conference, and entertained the body with interesting remarks in reference to his own work and experience.

Rev. W. D. Lee, Supernumerary of the N. C. Conference, was introduced to the Local Conference, and delivered very encouraging remarks in reference to the work of the Local Ministry.

A large number of reports were read, many of much interest, as showing increased interest in preaching and working.

Conference adjourned.

W. H. Bass preached at 11 o'clock.

W. C. Wilson and W. S. Haltom, of the N. C. Conference, were present during the morning services.

FRIDAY, 4, P. M.

The Conference convened at the usual time. Opened with services by P. M. Plyler. The minutes were read and corrected.

On motion of D. P. Meacham, a committee was appointed to get up and recommend plans of increased usefulness. D. P. Meacham, J. F. Butt, and W. P. Williams, committee.

Thos. Ledwell reported 35 sermons preached, 26 exhortation, 1 S. S., and also a verbal report was delivered by him.

W. H. Bass reported verbally as to work done during the year. He reported 25 sermons preached, besides various other work done.

The Committee on Temperance offered the following report :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, We believe that the sale and use of ardent spirits is the greatest evil that has ever afflicted the human family, being the means of more sin and crime than any other known cause on earth, as by its use more than 60,000 persons die every year, going down to drunkard's graves, and as no drunkard can enter the kingdom of Heaven they cannot escape a drunkard's hell. And as our body of Local Preachers in the State outnumber any other class of divines, being between 400 and 500, we believe if we use our influence by precept and example to the extent that we have the ability to do, by giving our influence to the different Temperance Societies, smiling upon them, approving of them, and when at all convenient, joining them, we might greatly benefit the cause of Temperance, and greatly assist the final exclusion of ardent spirits from sales in a legalized form, and rejoice not many years hence in its final prohibition;

Resolved, therefore, That each Local Preacher in the State be requested to frown upon its use at all times and in every place as a beverage, and that they all be solicited to preach at least four sermons during the year on Temperance and its benefits or intemperance and its ruinous influence and effects.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. F. BUTT,
T. S. ELLINGTON, } Committee.
L. W. PIGOTT,

After full and elaborate discussion the report was passed by unanimous vote.

L. W. Pigott reported 15 sermons preached during the year, besides regularly conducting a large Bible class.

J. F. Butt read his report, which was unanimously adopted:

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 25th, 1878.

Brethren of the Local Ministers' Conference:

As I have not kept a regular minute of my labors as a Local Preacher during the last twelve months, I will have to give my report more from memory than otherwise. After our last Conference we commenced a meeting at this (Calvary) Church that went on for about 4 months, and although I had ministerial help from many brethren, yet I had to fill the pulpit whenever I could not obtain help, so that I might safely put down on an average two sermons every Sabbath during the time, and at least two each week—say, making 4 each week—16 per month, or 64 during the 4 months; and since that time I think I have averaged at least 4 each at home and in my travels away—as when away from home I almost always preach or deliver a lecture every night—so that I may safely say that I can add three times that number since, which would make during the year somewhere about 250 sermons and lectures. Each Sabbath when at home I conduct my S. School services, and when away from home on Sunday, hardly ever miss conducting Sunday School services. So I may put down 50 Sunday School services, 50 prayer meetings held, a great many Temperance lectures, attend when at home all Sunday afternoon Class Meetings—almost always attend Y. M. C. Association meetings—so I may say at least 400 services during the year. Baptized about 25 children, 25 adults, witnessed the conversion of about 240 souls, taken into the Church some 160 members, and never spent a happier year in all my life, and fully realize the truth of what Bro. Heptinstall said in his sermon, "If you want to be happy go and work for Jesus, for the more work we do the greater the harvest of joy here and the greater glory in eternity," and I can not wind up this report without saying to my brethren go and hold class meeting everywhere, for the first meeting Christ ever held with his disciples, after his resurrection, was a class meeting, and the first Methodist meeting ever held was a class meeting, and although I have been happy in the pulpit and in the prayer meeting, yet I think I have been happier in the class meeting than anywhere else. I omitted also to mention that our sacramental occasions in this Church have been greatly beneficial to us, as we commune every other Sabbath when I am not away from the city.

Yours truly,

JNO. F. BUTT.

E. Overcrash made a verbal report—has preached about 70 sermons during the year, and since the first of January has made 103 pastoral visits, going always on foot, walking 800 miles, and receiving $1,35 for services.

L. Branson made a verbal report of services performed during the year.

REPORTS OF PREACHERS.

E. A. Wilson, Deacon, has had 1 appointment, preached 27 sermons, held 10 prayer meetings, delivered 3 lectures, baptized 1, received 1 into the church, preached 4 funerals, and reports 6 converts.

Joshua Cole, Elder, is about 76 years old, has preached 44 sermons during the Conference year, and attended a number of prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools, desires the success of the Local Conference.

F. R. Kaylor, Deacon, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 39 sermons, organized 3 Sabbath Schools, baptized 25 persons, and received 7 members into the church.

Frank Sanford has done about the usual amount of work, and feels a warm interest in the Local Conference.

Henderson S. Scarborough, Licenciate, has preached 32 sermons and held 5 prayer meetings—is doing all he can to promote the cause of religion—aids his pastor in the regular work—his heart and soul are for the success of the Local Conference.

James B. Ballard, Elder, has had 3 regular appointments, (except in the winter,) and a part of the year 2 Sunday evening appointments, has preached about 30 times during the year.

Dr. P. C. Jurney, Elder, has had 2 regular appointments, and preached 20 sermons—aids the pastors in their regular work—expresses warm interest in the Local Conference.

Miles P. Owen, Elder, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 35 sermons, and aided his pastor on revival occasions—is too feeble to attend Conference—prays for the success of the Conference.

Solomon Pool, Elder, has had 1 regular appointment, and has done much work in a quiet way. Read his letter below.

REV. L. BRANSON, CHAPEL HILL, N. C., July 15th, 1878.

DEAR BROTHER:—I regret that I cannot attend our Conference this week in Charlotte, being necessarily detained at home. Please say to the brethren that my heart is with them, and I pray that God will abundantly bless this session. Our annual meetings have been growing in interest. The Lord has stamped them with the seal of his approval. May this be more fruitful of good than any that has preceded it.

The Local ministry not only are and always have been an element of power and usefulness in the economy of Methodism, but they are capable of wielding a still more powerful influence and of effecting much more good. This must be greatly assisted by united labor and concerted action. During the year I visited several of the large Northern cities. The Local Preachers' Conferences and Conventions there meet with the warm approval of the church, and are doing much towards advancing the cause of Christ. I herewith enclose a tabular statement which will serve to show you something of the care and earnestness with which our Local brethren over there are addressing themselves to duty. It was handed me by Rev. W. M. Barnes, of Baltimore. I stated to them the design of our Conference, and also explained the purpose and plan of evangelism brought before our last Conference. Many expressed their warm approval, and I have the hope that it will be brought favorably before some of their Conferences. So far as my observation extends the body of our Local Preachers is very pure and zealous. They are men devoted to the glory of God, and willing and ready while they labor with their own hands for the support of themselves and families, also without pecuniary reward to preach Christ and call sinners to repentance whenever they can. By patient continuance in well-doing they are seeking after glory and honor and immortality, and expect to obtain eternal life. A notable instance is that of Rev. Wilson Atwater, of this county. He called to see me and I promised to make his report if I went to Conference, and if not to send the following statement: He has, in connection with Rev. Wm. Snipes, one regular appointment. Is sometimes called to preach funerals and bury the dead. He preaches in private circles, around the fireside. He is nearly eighty years of age, and feeble, but as he nears the end of life his visions af the better land lose nothing of their lustre. He is doing what he can. Though I am not authorized by Rev. Wm. Snipes, yet I think much the same may be said of him as of Bro. Atwater. He is a few years older than Bro. Atwater. I feel that I might myself well add, of these our good old fathers in Israel, that both of them are not only just, devout and filled with the Holy Ghost, but that their lives of purity and labors of love are the foreshadowing for them of a peaceful death and a glorious immortality. Affectionately yours,

SOLOMON POOL.

NOTE.—Wilson Atwater and Wm. Snipes are reported in the letter above.

Hardy Sanders, Elder, has had 1 regular appointment, preached 20 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School—he is an old man, but still loves to labor, feels much interest in the Conference, hopes that this year will be one of great spiritual progress.

P. M. Farrow, Deacon, has preached 49 sermons, held prayer meeting occasionally and baptized 8 persons—is greatly afflicted in body—feels much interest in the Conference, and prays for its success—desires the prayers of the brethren.

D. G. Meekins, Deacon, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 23 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School, held 6 prayer meetings, baptized 5 persons, and received 1 into the church—has experienced much family affliction and the loss of his companion, but still labors in hope—prays for the success of the Couference, and desires yet to be able to attend its sessions.

W. A. Brame, Deacon, has had 2 appointments, preached 25 or 30 sermons, held 10 or 15 prayer meetings—is in full sympathy with the Local Conference, and has no doubt that it will result in great good—prays the blessings of God upon the Conference.

John S. Short, of Williamston, writes as follows:

Rev. and Dear Brother:—I was much pleased to receive your letter under date of 24th June, and should have answered it sooner than now perhaps, but I had not fully made up my mind that I could not attend the Local Ministers' Conference until now, and I regret that I cannot; but owing to my feeble health I cannot. I desire that you be my proxy, and express for me my very high and affectionate regard for the Conference, believing as I do that in considerable portious of our State the Local Ministers have been the pioneers of our beloved Methodism in earlier days, and now fill an important place in the ministry which cannot otherwise be filled; aud I believe that their importance is coming more and more to light, and being acknowledged by our Itinerant brethren. The idea that a man cannot preach unless he belongs to the Itinerancy is passing away, though I have thought that there was a want of ministerial courtesy and confidence between these important branches of our beloved christianity, and I hope that want will be fully supplied at an early day.

Jacob Sheek, Elder, Smith Grove, has preached 35 sermons, and held 7 prayer meetings—is now in his 84th year—desires greatly to attend the Conference—hopes that the cause may prosper and succeed beyond human expectatiou.

W. H. England, Elder, has preached 20 sermons, baptized 1 child, and married 1 couple—prays God's spirit upon the Conference.

I. N. Mann, Deacon, has had 2 regular appoiutments, and preached 40 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School—labors in great harmouy with the regular pastors.

N. M. Ray, Moss Neck, has 4 regular monthly appointments, assists Sabbath Schools 3 Sabbaths in each month, has preached about 60 times, baptized 30 persons—thinks the Conference ought to do what it can to revive class meetings—enjoys the peace of God almost constantly.

T. L. D. Smith, Deacon, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 43 times, held 8 prayer meetings.

W. H. Bass, Elder, has worked under his pastor, baptized 1 person, and preached about 25 sermons—loves the work of the Master.

Thos. Ledwell, Licentiate, has preached 34 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School, held 26 exhortational meetings, and enjoys the work.

James M. Watson, Elder, Lake Landing, has had 3 regular appointments, except in winter, preached 30 times, buried a number of persons—married a number and assisted in administering the sacrament frequently—could probably have done more but for his age and ill health.

J. W. Cotton, Deacon, has had 2 regular appointments—has not kept an account of the number of sermons preached.

Lewis Phillips, Elder, has had 4 regular appointments, preached 70 sermons, lectured at prayer meeting 5 times, baptized 35 persons, assisted in 5 sacraments—has, with others, kept up a weekly neighborhood prayer meeting, which seems to have accomplished good—some conversions.

W. H. Thompson, Elder, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 26 sermons, is in feeble health—feels much interest iu the Local Conference.

W. P. Williams, Deacon, Davidson College, has had 1 regular appointment, preached 24 sermons, held 10 prayer meetings, aud baptized 4 persons—has labored in protracted meetings with his pastor—his heart is in the work.

John W. Burton, Thomasville, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 35 times, organized 2 Sabbath Schools, held 5 prayer meetiugs, baptized 5 persons, and received 10 members into the church

James Bell Floyd, Deacon, has had 1 regular appointment, has not kept account of sermons preached—has labored in the Sabbath School, and takes much interest in the prosperity of the church.

Dr. J. A. Reagan, Elder, Weaverville College, Buncombe county, has had 4 regular appointments, preached 50 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School, baptized 3 persons, and received 2 into the church—has been in bodily and family affliction, but loves the work of the Master, and feels much interest in the Local Conference.

B. York, D. D., Deacon, Rutherford College, has preached about 80 sermons, delivered some 65 lectures on various themes, and baptized 2 children—cannot make out a full and regular report this year—is laboring as Providence opens the way.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by President, J. W. Heptinstall.

L. Branson preached at night.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.,—THIRD DAY.

The Conference assembled at the usual time. President Heptinstall in the chair. The Conference was opened by Thos. Ledwell. The minutes were read and corrected.

J. W. Abernethy appeared, took his seat, and his name was entered upon the roll.

The hour for election of officers having arrived, the election was held and resulted in unanimously selecting the following officers :

J. W. HEPTINSTALL,.....President.
W. P. WILLIAMS,.....1st Vice President.
J. F. BUTT,.....2nd " "
D. P. MEACHAM,.....3rd " "
L. BRANSON,.....Financial Secretary.

J. W. Abernethy reported verbally as to work done during the year—50 sermons preached, at stated appointments; has conducted one regular Sabbath School; has made 20 pastoral visits—baptized 4 children and 1 adult; married 5 couples—has kept up four stated prayers each day for the last 30 years in his own family, and feels that he is daily growing in grace, and intends to live and die a Christian.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to 3 P. M.

J. W. Abernethy preached at 11 A. M.

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3 P. M., SATURDAY.

The Conference assembled at 3 P. M. L. Branson conducted the religious exercises. The minutes were read and approved.

The Financial Secretary offered his annual report, which was adopted unanimously :

L. BRANSON,

With the Local Ministers' Conference, July 27th, 4878:

	Dr.
By balance on hand July 26, 1877	$ 07
By public collection at Jamestown,	9 25
By contributions from Members,	9 00
By remittances with Reports	7 00
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To Printing Minutes for 1877,	$20 00
To Postage on Minutes,	1 75
To 200 Circulars,	1 75
To Postage on Circulars,	1 60
To balance cash in hand,	22
	25 32

The Committee on Education offered the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Your committee on Education beg leave to make the following report: We, as Methodists in the State of N. C, claim not to be behind the foremost in the State in our appreciation of the importance and advantage of the general diffusion of literary, scientific, and religious knowledge among our people. While we can point with feelings of just pride to the noble Institutions at Trinity, and Greensboro and Davenport, for the thorough intellectual training imparted to the young of both sexes, yearly collected within their halls, and the high moral tone and wholesome religious influence of their graduates, scattered throughout the length and breadth of this and other States, there are numerous Academies and other schools of high grade presided over by ministers and members of our Church we desire to call special attention to Rutherford College, at Happy Home. This Institution was founded and is still presided over by a Local preacher, the President of this Conference, Rev. R. L. Abernethy, and is a noble monument to his laborious, untiring energy and self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of Christian education. It deserves our highest commendation and should receive the patronage and material support of all lovers of our Church and of sanctified training throughout the land. As members of this Conference of Local Preachers we cordially commend it to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BASS,
L. BRANSON,
W. P. WILLIAMS, } Committee.

The Committee on the "Status of the Local Ministry," reported as follows, which report was unanimously adopted:

* The committee on the Status of the Local Ministry beg leave to submit the following report:

1. The reports sent up by the members of this Conference from different parts of the State indicate an increased interest everywhere in the great work whereunto we are called as co-laborers in the cause of our Master, with those of our brethren who are wholly consecrated to the work of saving souls.

2. Quite a large number of our Local preachers are very old men, yet many of these report regularly and manifest the warmest interest in the Local Conference. The Members of this Conference have generally maintained a very high standard of picty aud usefulness.

3. We believe there is generally a disposition in our regular pastors to appreciate the local workers and to utilize our labors.

4. We are led to believe that Local preachers have been generally satisfied with the laws of the discipline, and have not been disposed to clamor for any special legislation in our favor; but in view of certain occurreuces of the past year we recommend the following circular letter:

To the Local Ministers of North Carolina and of the M. E. Church South:

Dear Brethren:—We deem it important to call your attention to certain startling facts, occurring in the near past.

1st. Duriug last year a local brother on the Washington District was tried on a charge of immorality and expelled from the church, without any preliminary committee of Local Ministers. An appeal was carried to the Aunual Conferencc, and the Bishop set aside the proceedings, restoring the brother to his origiual place in the church.

2nd. On the Newberu District a Local preacher was tried on a charge of immorality and expelled, without the preliminary committee required by the discipline. An appeal was taken in this case also, and the proceedings of the lower court set aside, restoring this brother also.

* The report was refused publication in the Raleigh *Advocate*.

3rd. At the late General Conference one of our delegates, with one or more other delegates, proposed a change of discipline, allowing charges to be brought against a Local Minister by *one single layman, and he not necessarily a member of the same circuit.* This change was passed, apparently with great unanimity, just at the close of the Conference, * thus establishing an innovation to the general ecclesiastical and civil polity of our country, which guarantees that no man shall be indicted except by his peers.

4th. If it be a fact that the members of our General Conference did *really canvass* this subject, and then, with unanimity, passed this resolution, so unconstitutional and so unjust, then it is time that this Local Conference and all the Local Ministers of our M. E. C. South should enter one *long* and *loud* protest. And we call upon every man of our class to raise his voice against this unjust innovation; and we further recommend that no brother allow himself to be tried, under a bill of charges presented by a layman, until *every power* of *protest* is exhausted to prevent such unconstitutional proceedings.

5th. Inasmuch as Local Ministers do not have any large representation in our General Conferences, and have never petitioned, as a body, for any special legislation in our favor, we are firmly convinced that all hasty legislation, abbreviating our rights, should meet with our *firm* but *decided* protest.

6th. We also recommend that Local Preachers throughout our church form themselves into Local Conferences, for the purposes of mutual improvement, and mutual protest against unnecessary legislation.

7th. Lastly, we advise that this circular letter be spread upon our minutes, and that it be sent for publication to all our church papers throughout our Southern church; also that a copy of our Minutes be sent, as far as practical, to all the Local Ministers of our church. Respectfully submitted,

L. BRANSON,
W. P. WILLIAMS,
D. P. MEACHAM,
} Committee.

The following resolution was offered by J. F. Butt, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, As a Local Preachers' Conference, and we think we express the sentiments of all, even our absent members, that we solemnly protest against the attempt of the General Conference in their action, attempting to dishonor us in our calling and office, by ordering that any one of our accused members may be tried by private members of the church, and under some peculiar circumstances a Local Preacher of 20 or 30 years good standing might be charged by persons who had not been members of the church one month. We think nothing has ever been done by our Lawmakers so well calculated to lower and disgrace us, and we desire to have charity enough in our hearts to believe that this law was passed without duly considering what a blow it was striking at our feelings.

The Committee on "Increased Usefulness" offered the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Dear Brethren:—We, the committee appointed to consider and recommend for the consideration of this Conference of Local Ministers, plans and suggestions, looking to increased usefulness on our part, as Local Ministers in the service of our Great Head and Savior, ask to submit the following suggestions, bearing upon the subject of more fully developing and utilizing the power of the Local Ministry of our Conference: That the brief space of time unavoidably afforded us, necessarily precludes the canvassing and developing of many plans which naturally suggest themselves. We would, however, recommend,

1st. That those of us who have not already done so, arrange and have regular and stated places to preach at; that we endeavor to preach or hold prayer meeting on every favorable Sabbath day.

2nd. That we hold ourselves always ready to render our beloved Pastors any assistance they may request at our hands in building up and strengthening our Master's kingdom set up in the world, by preaching for them when they require it, in their absence from their charges, and by rendering them all the assistance we can at their protracted meetings and revivals—when they request it.

3rd. That we seek out the destitute places, if any are to be found within our reach, and in all such places set up the standard of Jesus, by preaching the Word and organizing Sunday Schools.

4th. That we endeavor to perform all the pastoral work that we possibly can, visiting the sick, and praying in and with all irreligious and religious families with whom we may mingle or come in contact; and to the extent of our power strive to have the children of all our Methodist families consecrated to God in baptism. Let us teach it as a *duty* which we owe to God, to ourselves, and to our children, to have them baptized while young and tender, and brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

5th. That while we feel that education can never take the place of nor perform the work of true and genuine piety; nor can eloquence be substituted for humility and holiness of heart, we cannot place too high an estimate upon the importance of prayerful study and preparation—in order to better qualify ourselves for a more fruitful ministerial work, and to the end that we may be better able to meet the demands of the progressive age in which we live.

D. P. MEACHAM,
J. F. BUTT,
W. P. WILLIAMS,
} Committee.

* Rev. F. L. Reid says this change was passed the day previous to adjournment.

It was moved to go into the selection of a place to hold the next Conference. Clayton, 14 miles east of Raleigh, on the N. C. Railroad, was unanimously elected, and the time was fixed Thursday before the last Sabbath in October, 1879.

The following Resolutions were offered, and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Editors of the Charlotte *Observer* and the *Charlotte Democrat* receive the sincere thanks of the Officers and members of this Local Conference for their promptness and kindness in publishing the proceedings of this meeting.

Resolved, That we re-affirm our confidence in the Raleigh *Christian Advocate* as the representative organ of this Local Conference, and that we furnish a copy of our Minutes for publication in the same.

Resolved, That we endorse the *Friend of Temperance* as a valuable Temperance organ, and request that paper to publish the proceedings of this Conference.

Rev. Edward Eagles, of the colored Baptist Church, was introduced and entertained the Conference with an appropriate speech.

President R. L. Abernethy made his appearance, and entertained the Conference with an appropriate address.

Rev. Solomon Pool was unanimously re-elected as Agent of Missions and Evangelization, and the confidence of the Conference reaffirmed in his plan of Evangelization.

Resolved, That our most cordial and heartfelt thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Charlotte for their kind reception and hospitable entertainment of the members of this body during their stay in the city, and that they will ever have our prayers for their future temporal and spiritual welfare.

Resolved, That the several Railroads of the State having granted reduced rates, are entitled to the thanks of this Conference, which are hereby tendered.

Resolved, That this Conference offers thanks to the presiding officer and the Secretary, for the kindness, courtesy and impartiality with which they have discharged their respective duties.

W. P. Williams preached at night.

On Sabbath Tryon Street Methodist Church was filled in the morning by R. L. Abernethy, and at night by W. P. Williams.

Calvary Church was filled in the morning by D. P. Meacham, succeeded by the Sacrament. Love Feast at 3 p. m.

At night R. L. Abernethy preached.

The First Colored Baptist Church was filled in the morning by Thos. S. Ellington, and at night by D. P. Meacham.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

J. W. HEPTINSTALL, PRESIDENT.

L. BRANSON, SECRETARY.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SEC. 1. This body shall be known as the NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, and shall be governed by this Constitution and such By-Laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the Discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the Gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the Church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The members of this Conference shall consist of such Local Ministers as have heretofore identified themselves with the "Local Ministers' Association," and after the session of 1875, of such as shall attend in person, or send in annual reports of labor performed.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an Annual Address or Sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same, as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4. The Officers of this Conference shall constitute a Finance Committee, the President being Chairman, which Committee shall direct the application of all of the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The Contingent Fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the Minutes shall be applied annually to the relief of such members, and families of the members, as the Finance Committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

MEMORIAL.

REV. THOMAS GALES WHITAKER, a member of the Local Ministers' Conference, was born in Wake county May 7th, 1802; was converted to God in 1834 and soon thereafter entered the ministry, and, in due time, was ordained to deacon's and elder's orders. For upward of forty years he preached the gospel of Jesus faithfully and very efficiently, and his labors were greatly blessed of God to the salvation of sinners. The last public service he rendered was as a delegate to the District Conference of the Raleigh district, which was held at Henderson, N. C., the latter part of July, 1877. On returning to his home at Cary, he was taken suddenly ill and died in great peace on the morning of the 7th of August, 1877. His funeral sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Norman, Pastor of Person Street church of Raleigh, from the text: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

IN MEMORY OF

REV. LEWIS K. WILLIE.

REV. L. BRANSON, OXFORD, N. C., Sept. 27, 1878.

My Dear Sir:—Your letter of a few days ago requesting me to furnish you some facts in the life of the Rev. L. K. Willie, deceased, was duly received, and I avail myself of the first opportunity to answer it.

Although I knew Mr. Willie from my childhood, and later in life bore an intimate, and to some extent, a confidential relation to him, yet I find it difficult at this time to recall the dates of any prominent facts in his history. He was the son of Thos. H. Willie and Nancy (Kennan) Willie, was born in Oxford April 15, 1815, and was at the time of his death in June last, (1878,) 63 years and about 2 months old. He was educated at Randolph Macon College, Va., and afterwards pursued a course of theology at the Union Theological Seminary in that state. At what time he made a profession of religion, and where, I am not informed; but I think it must have been before his going to College, as his father was a Presbyterian, and would hardly have sent his son to Randolph Macon unless the son himself had preferred it. All the social influences by which he was surrounded would have borne him to the Presbyterian Church, had it not been that some of the doctrines of that Church were repugnant to him. His attachment however to the Church of his father went with him to the grave. After his course of study at the Seminary, he entered the work of the Ministry, and was for some years a member of the Conference as an itinerant laborer. His last work of this kind I believe was at Hillsboro station some 27 or 28 years ago. Disease of the lungs had begun to tell upon him at that time, and forced him to retire from the regular work of the itinerancy. He continued to preach as a Local Minister until his health became so impaired as to forbid all work of the kind. Mr. Willie's personal characteristics were such as to make him friends wherever he made acquaintances, Underneath a uniformly cheerful and even playful temper, there was a foundation of firm faith and fervent piety, a profound reverence for holy things that controlled his conversation and made his life a conspicuous example of devotion to the religion he professed. He was extremely fond of society, especially of the cultivated and virtuous, had an extensive acquaintance with the world and an almost intuitive perception of character, and was very rarely deceived in his estimate of men, His literary taste was very fine and very pure Possessed of a highly poetic temperament he was enthusiastic in his admiration of the beautiful and the sublime in literature as in Nature. A fine thought happily expressed never failed to arrest his attention, and to fix itself upon his mind. Mr. Willie was himself gifted in the use of language. Ordinarily there was a kind of *bon homme* slovenliness in his manner of speech, but when in the society of cultivated strangers he would lay aside the every day dress of familiar conversation, and then no one could surpass him in the use of choice English, and in the pulpit his diction usually betokened a very high appreciation of both the beauty and the force of language. He had a keen perception of the ridiculous and his wit sometimes flashed and cut like polished steel. Many of his witty and humorous sayings will be long remembered and quoted by his friends. But the most prominent trait of Mr. Willie's character was his christian charity. His religious faith was an active principle. Indeed it was the mainspring of all his actions. Human suffering or need never failed to enlist his tenderest sympathies and to call into activity this highest of christian virtues. Though never ostentatious of his charity he was known as the friend of the widow and the orphan. His father died in the year 1859, leaving him a good estate, a very considerable portion of which he has used in relieving the poor and the needy. By his last will and testament one half of his estate is given to the Orange Presbytery, and the other half to the widows and orphans of deceased itinerant ministers of the North Carolina Conference.

Yours very truly,

JOHN W. HAYS.

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
ALAMANCE.	
W. H. Thompson, deacon,	Oaks.
ANSON.	
Thomas W. Kendall,	Long Pine.
Dr. John S. Kendal, e, aged 84 years.	Ansonville.
T. M. Henly,	Cedar Hill.
John Hutchison,	Polktown.
ALLEGHANY.	
J. F. Roberts, d,	Laurel Branch.
J. L. Pugh, l,	Mouth of Wilson.
ASHE.	
Jonas Wagg,	Jefferson.
LEXANDER,	
A. Carson,	Taylorsville.
BEAUFORT.	
Dr. Roscoe Hooker, e,	Aurora.
W. H. uninggim,	‘
W. L. Cuninggim,	‘
BUNCOMBE.	
Dr. J. A. Reagan, e,	Weaverville.
J. S. Weaver,	Reams' Creek.
M. M. Weaver,	‘ ‘
G. W. F. Hampton,	Asheville.
L. M. Pease,	‘
H. E. Joiner,	‘
Geo. W. Miller,	‘
Geo. W. Penley, elder,	Hominy.
Josph Hawkins,	‘
J. W. Vandiver,	Weaverville.
G. M. Cale,	‘ ‘
T. M. Dula,	Democrat.
BURKE.	
R. L. Abernethy, e,	Happy Home.
John W. Dorsey,	“ ‘
T. A. Dorsey, l,	Morganton.
F. R. Kaylor,	‘
B. York, D. D., elder,	‘
J. A. Belk,	Happy Home.
W. England, elder,	“ ‘
BLADEN.	
Joshua Johnson,	Amon.
——— Guyton,	Elizabethtown.
——— Cox,	
CALDWELL.	
Abram Hays,	Love Lady.
J. L. Healon,	Lenoir.
N. H. Kaylor,	‘
George H. Round, elder	‘
CARTARET.	
Dr. E. L. Perkins, elder	Newport.
John Rumley, elder	Beaufort.
CASWELL.	
Solomon Lea, elder	Leasburg.
CATAWBA.	
David E. Warlick,	Jacob's Fork.
Robert Helton,	‘ ‘
Jordan N. Payne,	North Brook.
CHATHAM.	
Jonas Stuart,	Martha's Vineyard.
J. W. Cotton, deacon	Merry Oaks
Wilson Atwater, elder	Snipes' Store.
Henry Mann, licentiate	Bellevoir.
William Snipes, elder	‘
L. Burnett,	Pittsboro.
Isaac N. Mann,	‘
Lewis Philips, e, Harper's Roads.	
CLEAVELAND.	
Robert Ledford, deacon	Johnson.
W. M. Swafford,	Knob Creek.
R. M. Hoyle,	Holley Bush.
CRAVEN.	
James A. Snydam, elder	New Berne.
David W. Porter,	Swift Creek.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
CUMBERLAND.	
Love Culbreth,	Blockersville.
DAVIDSON.	
Joseph Miller, deacon,	Salem.
J. W. Burton,	Thomasville.
DARE.	
Damon G. Meekins, d,	Kennekeet.
H. S. Scarborough, l,	‘
P. M. Farrow,	The Cape.
DAVIE.	
Vincent Walker, -	Calahan.
Daniel Potts,	Shady Grove.
Jacob Sheek, elder,	Smith Grove.
FORSYTHE.	
P. H. Joyner, elder,	Winston.
S. D. Franklin, elder	‘
John Alspaugh, elder,	Mt. Tabor.
James E. Petree,	‘ ‘
J. B. Doub,	Vienna.
J. H. White, elder,	Salem.
S. Long. elder,	‘
S. R. Trawick, elder,	Kernersville.
FRANKLIN.	
W. A. Brame, deacon,	Lonisburg.
GATES.	
Costen Jordan,	Sunsbury.
GRANVILLE.	
T. L. D. Smith, deacon,	Kittrells.
John W. York,	Oxford.
J. B. Floyd, deacon,	Wilton.
GASTON.	
A. M. Willis,	Garabaldi.
GREENE.	
Dr. B. S. Hardy, elder,	Hookerton.
S. W. Ormond,	‘
GUILFORD.	
Thos. Reagan, l,	Jamestown.
R. M. Stofford, l,	Greensboro.
A. G. Kirkman, l,	‘
E. A. Wilson, elder	High Point.
HALIFAX.	
G. W. Heptinstall, elder	Enfield.
J. A. B. Kilpatrick,	Littleton.
F. B. Andrews,	‘
J. W. Heptinstall, elder	‘
HARNETT.	
D. H. McNeil,	Harrington.
D. N. McLean,	Box 65, ‘
HENDERSON.	
C. M. Greer, d,	Hendersonville.
W. B. Reese,	‘
Munson Greer,	Mills River.
HYDE.	
Hezekiah Farrow,	Sladesville.
Zion F. Meekins,	‘
J. M. Watson, elder,	Lake Landing.
IREDELL.	
Dr. J. P. Nicholson,	Eagle Mills.
T. A. Nicholson,	‘ ‘
Dr. P. C. Jurney, elder,	Olin
W. B. Richardson,	Statesville.
——— Lequeas, - -	Mooresville.
JOHNSTON.	
S Hines Whitaker,	Clayton
MADISON.	
John H Southerland,	Marshall
J G Smith,	Warm Springs
J R Lamb,	‘ ‘
MACON.	
C D Smith, elder,	Franklin
MARTIN,	
J S Short,	Williamston
MITCHELL,	
T B Feltz,	Burkville

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
MOORE,	
Lewis Philips,	Fair Haven
Hardy Saunders;	Macedonia
MONTGOMERY.	
J B Ballard, elder,	Troy
MCDOWELL,	
W Kaylor,	Marion
Wm H England,	Bridgewater
MECKLENBURG.	
John F Butt,	Charlotte
E Overcarsh,	"
Dr S Pharr,	"
Thomas Ledwell,	"
L W Pigott,	"
Thos S Ellington,	"
John W Abernethy,	"
Wm H Bass,	"
W P Williams, d,	Davidson College
NASH.	
J J Johnson,	Nashville
E A Bobbitt,	Castalia
ORANGE,	
Solomon Pool, elder	Chapel Hill
William Dollar	Hillsboro
PERSON,	
W R Webb,	Roxboro
PITT,	
W Bryant,	Bethell
Samuel Brown,	"
Redding Moore, elder	Greenville
Dr J H Johnson,	"
RANDOLPH.	
Amos Gregson, elder	High Point
Nereus Coltraine,	Trinity College
RICHMOND.	
Geo W Neal, elder,	Rockingham
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ROBESON.	
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ROWAN.	
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C Plyler,	"
David Brown,	Edminstonville
SAMPSON.	
Miles P Owen,	Clinton
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James Needham,	"
Norman Meliny,	"
Wm F Needham,	Tom's Creek
Jesse Needham,	Tom's Creek
James Minish,	Elkin
D M Holcome,	Rockford
Benjamin Nutt, deacon	Siloam
J J Setliff, licentiate,	Rusk
STOKES,	
—— Suddy,	Dalton
TRANSYLVANIA.	
A F English,	Davidson's River
J A English,	Brevard
UNION.	
J E Irby,	Monroe
James Bickett,	"
WAKE.	
A N Betts,	Apex
D P Meacham, deacon	Raleigh
L Branson, elder,	"
W J W Crowder, licentiate,	"
R Harper Whitaker,	"
P J Wray,	"
WARREN.	
Charles M Cooke, elder,	Warrenton
B F Long, elder,	"
WATAUGA.	
A J McBride, l,	McBride's Mills
Joshua Cole, elder,	"
John P Combs l	"
George W Osborn l,	"
N C Combs l,	"
H B Blackburn l,	Boone
WAYNE.	
William Bryant	Nahunta
A J Finlayson elder	Goldsboro
John T Brogden d,	Everettsville
Morris Howell	Goldsboro
Gray C Garris	Fremont
WILKES,	
J W Rush,	Wilksboro
YADKIN.	
T S Whittington elder	Jonesville
Samuel Brown	"
L D Burr	Yadkinville
J N Mathews,	East Bend
R G Gwin,	Hamptonville
YANCY.	
G M Hampton	Bald Creek
Thos Huston	"
James McCampbell	Burnsville
W F Gibbs	Micaville

The above is the most accurate list the Secretary has been able to get up to the time of going to press. The brethren will please give the Secretary notice of auy names that ought to be added or left off.

NOTE—L signifies Licentiate; D Deacon; E Elder. Ordination not known where no letter appears after a name.

(*From the Carolina Methodist.*)

*TRIAL OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

PUBLISHED BY REQUEST.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In the *Advocate* of July 31st, was published the law for the trial of local preachers as amended by the last General Conference, That law as it was printed is as follows: "When a local preacher is under report of immorality, in the absence of a bill of charges, signed by a member of our church; the preacher in charge shall appoint a committee of three members of the church—local preachers if they can be had—to investigate the report, and if they judge a trial necessary, they shall see that a bill of charges and specifications be drawn in proper form, and shall select a member of the church to prosecute the case before the ensuing Quarterly Conference." I, as a local preacher, object to this law; because in my opinion, it is unconstitutional. See Dis. chap. 2, sec. 1, ans. 10 to question 1, it is stated that the "General Conference shall have full powers to make rules and regulations for our church, under the following limitations and restrictions." The 5th restrictive rule is as follows: "They (the General Conference) shall not do away the privileges of our ministers or preachers of trial, by a committee and of an appeal; neither shall they do away the privileges of our members of trial before the church or a committee and of an appeal." The law for the trial of local preachers makes no provision for their trial by committee; they are not counted with "ministers or preachers;" if so, they would be allowed the privilege of trial by committee. Now, I ask in all candor, if they are not barred by this provided law for their trial, of the very privilege that the organic law of the church says "shall not be done away." I can conceive of no way that the law for the trial of local preachers can be recognized as constitutional, unless it be to make the Quarterly Conference the church, and count local preachers with "our members." *But* this would require such a wonderful amount of distorted metamorphosing, that it would not look respectable. However, if any one can do up the job and make it look respectable, we would like to see it done. *Will* some one rise and explain? If it can be made to appear that the Quarterly Conference is the church, and that local preachers are counted with 'our members," then, according to the manual of the Discipline, it would be impracticable to bring them before the whole church or society for trial; for on page 112, Art. 4, we have this language: '*But* the instances will ever be rare in which it is expedient or practicable to call together a whole society to sit on a trial." And the Quarterly Conference must be recognized as the church, or whole society, under such circumstances. The law for the trial of traveling preachers and members of the church secures to them the privileges guaranteed to them by the 5th restrictive rule; for a committee is provided in both cases and they have the right to challenge a given number of the committee formed for their trial—but not so with the local preachers; they have no right to challenge any one who is to sit on their trial, although they may have good reasons to believe that certain individuals in the Quarterly Conference are strongly prejudiced against them. There is analogy between the laws provided for the trial of traveling preachers and members—but none between them and the law provided for the trial of Local preachers—except in the right of appeal. I object to the law on other grounds. It opens the way for the malicious prosecution of Local preachers by members of the church and a so by those who are not members of our church. It is an easy matter for an unscrupulous enemy of a local preacher to accuse him of some crime or immorality. If that enemy is a member of the church all he has to do is to prepare a bill of charges and sign his name to it and in this way bring a Local preacher to trial; if the enemy is not a member of our church, all he has to do is to secure one of our members to do the work for him; and in this way a local preacher may be maliciously prosecuted by any one who may be disposed to do so. If no bill of charges is made and presented, it is an easy matter to evade having a committee of local preachers to investigate, even if they could be obtained with little effort, especially if the preacher in charge should be disaffected toward the local preacher, as is sometimes the case, it is reasonable to suppose that, under such circumstances, the preacher in charge would select three members of the church that he could influence to investigate, and present such a bill as he might draw up, and furnish them with it. Under the law, as it now stands, it is not probable that there will be any committee at all to investigate, as it is on y in the absence of a bill of charges that a committee is authorized. So, there is absolutely no protection afforded a local preacher from malicious prosecution, either by the preacher in charge, a member of the church, or the world. The law opens the whole kingdom of darkness and malice against the poor, unprotected and defenceless local preacher. *But* by the assistance of Grace we may be enabled to bear it for four years; for surely the next General Conference will consider the injustice of the law and so alter it as to afford relief. If the next General Conference refuses to afford us the relief we need and will ask for, *I hope it will blot the local ministry out of existence*, as this would be preferable to being oppressed by a law so odious, disgraceful and unjust. In giving expression to my sentiments as above stated, I believe that I shall be sustained by a large majority of the local preachers in the North Carolina Conference.

Respectfully,

MILES P. OWEN.

*NOTE:—The above was refused publication in the *Raleigh Christian Advocate*.

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JOHN W. HEPTINSTALL, PRESIDENT. L. BRANSON, SECRETARY.

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FOR 1879.

The Conference met on Thursday, October 23rd, in the Methodist Church at Clayton.

John W. Heptinstall, President, called the Conference to order, and prayer was had by vice president, J. F. Butt.

The roll was called and corrected.

Five members of the Conference were reported as having died during the year, viz: Dr. Roscoe Hooker, Damon G. Meekins, George H. Round, Sam'l Pearce, and H. Crowson.

The President's address was read as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren of the N. C. Local Ministers' Conference:

In attempting to discharge the duty imposed upon me as your President, by our constitution, I beg simply to appear suggestively before you.

My dear brethren of the North Carolina Local Conference, in the good providence of Almighty God, we have passed through the labors of another year.—The past has been a year of great prosperity. Many have been added to our roll. But, in sadness we have to say that five of our number have been called "from labor to refreshment."

Co-workers with our pastors, our labors have been in much harmony, and very many have been added to the church, "such as shall be saved." For which we should be profoundly thankful to the great Father of all our mercies.

I congratulate you, brethren beloved, upon our success; and right happy am I to meet with so many of you to-day, who are still alive to duty, willing and anxious to spread the "glad tidings of great joy" to a perishing world, win souls to Christ, and thereby add lustre to that 'Crown of Righteousness,' which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give us at that day.

Our influence and power, as a separate ecclesiastical body, are being felt and acknowledged far beyond our spheres of action. Many, who heretofore opposed us, not knowing the purpose of our organization, are now ready to lend us a helping hand. Already, many outspoken words of encouragement are heard in various directions. We have, doubtlessly and unmistakably, the approving smiles of our Heavenly Father. Our pastors are, unavoidably, so situated as to make it impossible for them to do all. We should be faithful pioneers upon the outskirts, as we have been in the past endeavoring to smooth the rough places of the self-sacrificing itinerants; and diligent at home filling up the intervening spaces that cannot be reached by the regular work.

Before us are vast and fertile fields; they are "white already unto the harvest." We should be ready to cast in our sickles to reap and bundle for immortal glory. We should warn the wicked, admonish the wayward, strengthen the weak, and stand by the bed of the dying, to encourage while passing through the "dark valley and shadow of death."

As we, the North Carolina Local Ministers, have led off in this conference association, the eyes of our whole southern church are turned upon us; we should therefore, by example, as well as by precept, exhibit a higher christian life, attain and retain holiness of heart. We should also, seek a higher state of mental culture, that we may show ourselves approved workers "that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Every source of useful and legal

information, especially our own church organs, deserve our attention. I approve the action of our last General Conference in relation to the course of study to be prescribed by our College of Bishops, for the Local Ministry, provided that course be not too rigid.

We should exert our influence against those evil habits which have crept into the church, and even into the ministry, the most formidable of which is the use of whiskey and tobacco. As to the use of the first, it is unnecessary for me to make a single suggestion to you, my beloved brethren. You have doubtlessly witnessed its untold evils, and you will always be ready to raise against it your warning voice. As to the other, is it wrong? I am aware that you will expect me to tread softly here. Is it not a sin? I can view it in no other light. To say the least, it is a needless self indulgence. Should we not cry out against it as against any other vice, and try to persuade the the young that the formation of the habit is not commendable? Thus we shall aid to purge society of a curse and the church of a moral evil. I believe that there are good men who use it from the force of habit, just because they have never given the evil a serious investigation. But, have you never felt a deep mortification while passing along the aisles of a church in witnessing the results of its use?

We disclaim any connection with politics, yet, we should use all our power in allaying sectional strife by teaching mutual dependence and brotherly love.

I would respectfully call attention in your deliberations to the action of the late General Conference, authorizing the trial of Local Ministers without a preliminary committee of ministers, and under charges brought by a single layman. We hope that you may take some action asking for a repeal of said law, as we think it an innovation upon our ancient landmarks.

Now, in closing these remarks, permit me, in the language of another to say: "A good local preacher is at home anywhere, and in five minutes he becomes interested in the salvation of the strangers within whose gates he tabernacles."

I like to meet and commune with men who are frankly, sensibly and heartily pious. Let us keep this characteristic of our annual gatherings. Let us refresh our hearts with the sweet influences of praise and prayer. Let us look well to it that Clayton receives in spiritual blessing more than it gives in bodily refreshment. Let us find ourselves a blessing beyond all price.

J. W. Heptinstall.

The hours of business were fixed at from 9, A. M. to 11, A. M; 2, P. M., and adjourn at will.

Committee on Divine Services as follows: P. L. Herman, Pastor, S. H. Whitaker of this Conference, and J. W. O'Neal, citizen member. Solomon Pool preached at night.

Friday, 9, A. M.

The Conference assembled pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair. Religious services by J. F. Butt.

P. L. Herman of the N. C. Conference, being introduced to the Conference, made an appropriate address.

D. P. Meacham and S. H. Whitaker arrived and took their places in the Conference.

On motion, a Committee on Revision of Constitution was raised as follows: Solomon Pool, J. F. Butt and L. Branson.

On motion, Solomon Pool, D. P. Meacham and L. Branson were appointed a committee on Education, to report at the evening session.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

L. Branson preached at 11, A. M.

Friday, 2, P. M.

Conference assembled, President Heptinstall in the chair. Minutes of the evening and morning sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Education reported as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report, that, we hereby re-affirm our deep interest in the cause of education. Intellectual culture is the handmaid of our holy religion. We need to keep ever brightly burning the lamp which sheds its helping light on the sacred page. We therefore congratulate ourselves upon the fact that our church occupies the most advanced ground upon this highly important subject.

With pride we point to our Conference Colleges—to Trinity and Greensboro—and claim that they are second to no others in usefulness, and to our high schools and primary schools which thickly dot the land and bless the nation.

With special fondness we cherish Rutherford College, presided over by Rev. R. L. Abernethy of this Conference. Not only has he given his ministerial services without charge, in the work of winning souls to Christ, but he has superadded a life full of labors in the work of imparting a higher education to the youth of our land. From the walls of Rutherford College he has sent forth and is annually sending forth scores of young men and young ladies, educated at his own expense. This grand and unostentatious work reflects great credit upon our body, and ought to be appreciated by all our people.

While we endorse every effort made in the cause of education, yet, we commend respectfully to all our people, as eminently worthy of their sympathy and their patronage, the schools and colleges which are under the control of our brethren and under Methodist influence. Respectfully,

Solomon Pool,
D. P. Meacham,
L. Branson.

The following report on Temperance, after due discussion, was unanimously adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee are confident, from observation, that the use of ardent spirits, Wine, Cider, Beer, or the other stronger drinks, is the greatest evil that afflicts our land, corrupting the youth of the country and preparing them for violations of God's law as well as the laws of the land, thereby fitting them for the gallows, the penitentiary and the insane asylum. For, upon close calculation it has been discovered that in ninety-nine cases out out of every hundred of insanity, the original cause can be traced back to the use of alcohol by the person, or to a father, grand-father or great grand parents. Therefore,

Resolved, That, as a body of Local Preachers we feel it to be our bounden duty, both by precept and example, to overcome the evil, and encourage every society—Good Templars, Friends of Temperance, Washingtonians and Family Tempetance Societies, in putting down the mannfacture, sale and use of the accursed beverage. And whenever convenient, that we will speak and preach on the subject.

Resolved, That we condemn any board of Alderman of a city, or Commissioners of any county for licensing any bar-rooms to perpetuate this great evil.

Resolved, That we will use our influence to prevent the election of men to official positions, whom we know to be in favor of such licensing.

J. F. Butt.

Adjourned with the benediction.
J. F. Butt preached at night.

Saturday, 9, A. M.

The Conference assembled at the appointed hour and was

called to order by President Heptinstall. Solomon Pool conducted the opening exercises.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. John F. Ellington, of the Missionary Baptist Church, was introduced to the Conference and made appropriate remarks.

Rev. F. L. Reid of the North Carolina Conference, and one of the editors of the *Raleigh Christian Advocate*, was introduced and made a very encouraging speech to the Conference.

A. J. Finlayson and E. Arnold Wright reported present and took their seats in the Conference.

The hour of 4, P. M. was made the special order for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

VERBAL REPORTS.

Verbal reports of members were made from different parts of the work, as follows :

S. H. Whitaker made a verbal report of work for the year; has worked irregularly; preached some funerals; held some prayer and class meetings; hopes to do more another year.

J. D. Meacham reported two regular appointments; has preached about thirty sermons; aided the pastor in his work in various revivals.

E. Arnold Wright reported three regular appointments; assisted in several protracted meetings and on several revival occasions; with brother Finlayson held a protracted meeting near Goldsboro, when they received 37 members into the church.

Solomon Pool gave a verbal report in additon to his written report, stating that he had rendered assistance in various revival meetings, had visited the sick and attended the official meetings and done a great variety of work pertaining to his work as Agent of Missions and Evangelization.

The Conference adjourned.

A. J. Finlayson was announced to preach at 11, A. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the Chairman and religious services were conducted by S. H. Whitaker.

A. J. Finlayson reported work of the year. Has had two regular appointments; held two revival meetings with success; had services nearly every Sabbath; received 59 into the church; married several couples and preached several funerals.

The following (An Appeal by D. P. Meacham and E. A. Wright,) was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of seven Local Preachers of this Conference be appointed to draw up a memorial to be presented to the next General Conference, memorializing a repeal of the present law in regard to trial of Local Preachers, and also, to draft such a substitute as will meet the necessities of the case and give more general satisfaction; also to suggest the passage of any law or laws that may tend to render the Local ministry more effective; and that said committee report to our next L. P's Conference.

Signed,

D. P. MEACHAM,
E. A. WRIGHT.

The President appointed the following as committee: M. P. Owens, R. L. Abernethy, D. P. Meacham, J. W. Heptinstall, J. F. Butt, S. Pool and L. Branson.

J. F. Butt reported his work as follows: Had charge of Calvary Mission Church in Charlotte; held four services each Sabbath, and four during the week, making in the aggregate about four hundred services during the year; conducted a revival during the spring in which there were about 40 conversions, besides travelling a great deal and either conducting or assisting in revivals at other points.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

J. W. HEPTINSTALL,.....President.
J. F. BUTT,.....1st Vice President.
SOLOMON POOL,.....2nd " "
E. A. WRIGHT,.....3rd " "
L. BRANSON,.....Fi. Secretary.

J. F. Butt and Solomon Pool were appointed Agents of Missions and Evangelization.

Rutherford College and Raleigh being put nomination for the next Conference, Rutherford College was unanimously selected, and the time fixed at Wednesday before the last Sabbath in July, 1880, at which time and place a camp-meeting will be held.

The following report was unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF COMMMITTEE ON REVISION.

The President of the Conference shall notify one of the Local Ministers to hold an election at each Distrct Conference, to elect two delegates, Local Preachers, and two Alternates from their number, to attend the Local Ministers' Conference, and to provide for the payment of their expenses to and from the same. All others are requested to attend who can make it convenient to do so, and will be recognized as delegates by the Conference.

J, F. BUIT,
SOL. POOL,
L. BRANSON, } Com.

The following were appointed by the President to hold an election for two delegates, at their respective District Conferences:—Thomas W Kendall, Dr. J. A. Reagan, R. L. Abernethy, Dr. E. L. Perkins, S. D. Franklin, J. W. Heptinstall, W. P. Williams, Frank Sandford, Miles P. Owen, D. P. Meacham.

The following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That we re-affirm the following report of the Committee of last year on the "Status of the Local Ministry," and recommend that this circular letter of protest be kept steadily before the members of the Southern Methodist Church until the next General Conference.

STATUS OF THE LOCAL MINISTRY.

The committee on the "Status of the Local Ministry" submit the following report:

1. The reports sent up by the members of this Conference from different parts of the State indicate an increased interest everywhere in the great work whereunto we are called as co-laborers in the cause of our Master, with those of our brethren who are wholly consecrated to the work of saving souls,

2. Quite a large number of our Local preachers are very old men, yet many of these report regularly and manifest the warmest interest in the Local Conference. The Members of this Conference have generally maintained a very high standard of piety and usefulness.

3. We believe there is generally a disposition in our regular pastors to appreciate the local workers and to utilize our labors.

4. We are led to believe that Local preachers have been generally satisfied with the laws of the discipline, and have not been disposed to clamor for any special legislation in our favor; but in view of certain occurrences of the past year we recommend the following circular letters:

To the Local Ministers of North Carolina and of the M. E. Church South:

DEAR BRETHREN:—we deem it important to call your attention to certain startling facts, occuring in the near past.

1st. During last year a local brother on the Washington District was tried on a charge of immorality and expelled from the church, without any preliminary committee of Local Ministers. An appeal was carried to the Annual Conference, and the Bishop set aside the proceedings, restoring the brother to his original place in the church.

2nd. On the Newbern District a Local preacher was tried on a charge of immorality and expelled, without the preliminary committee required by the discipline. An appeal was taken in this case also, and the proceedings of the lower court set aside, restoring this brother also.

3rd. At the late General Conference one of our delegates, with one or more other delegates, proposed a change of discipline, allowing charges to be brought against a Local Minister by *one single layman, and he not necessarily a member of the same circuit.* This change was passed, apparently with great unanimity, just at the close of the Conference, thus establishing an innovation to the general ecclesiastical and civil polity of our country, which guarantees that no man shall be indicted except by his peers.

4th. If it be a fact that the members of our General Conference did *really canvass* this subject, and then, with unanimity, passed this resolution, so unconstitutional and so unjust, then it is time that this Local Conference and all the Local Ministers of our M. E. C. South should enter one *long* and *loud* protest. And we call upon every man of our class to raise his voice against this unjust innovation: and we further recommend that no brother allow himself to be tried, under a bill of charges presented by a layman, until *every power* of *protest* is exhausted to prevent such unconstitutional proceedings.

5th. Inasmuch as Local Ministers do not have any large representation in our General Conferences, and have never petitioned, as a body, for any special legislation in our favor, we are firmly convinced that all hasty legislation, abbreviating our rights, should meet with our *firm* but *decided* protest.

6th. We also recommend that Local preachers throughout our church form themselves into Local Conferences, for the purpose of mutual improvement, and mutual protest against unnecessary legislation.

7th. Lastly, we advise that this circular letter be spread upon our minutes and that it be sent for publication to all our church papers throughout the Southern church; also that a copy of our Minutes be sent, as far as practical, to all the Local Ministers of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

L. BRANSON.
W. P. WILLIAMS, } Committee.
D. P. MECHAM,

Adopted on motion of L. Branson:

Resolved, That we re-elect Solomon Pool, (who has faithfully served us for the past two years,) as Agent of Missions and Evangelization, and that we thank him for his devoted services as our Agent during the past two years.

On motion of Solomon Pool, J. F. Butt was also unanimously elected Agent of Missions and Evangelization.

It was moved that this Conference apply, in a body, according to the usual form of the Discipline, for membership

in the N. C. Annual Conference; but, after careful consideration, it was decided to postpone action, on this motion, until the next meeting of the Local Conference.

The members of the Conference expressed themselves as pleased at the various commendatory notices of Local preachers and of our Local Conference, which have appeared from time to time in some of our church Advocates.

WRITTEN REPORTS.

The following brethren sent in written reports of work done during the year, showing on the whole a larger aggregate of work than has been reported for any previous year, viz.:

J. W. Catton, Lewis Phillips. J. M. Hawkins, James Stewart, I. N. Mann, Dr. J. A. Reagan, Miles P. Owen, Frank Sandford, J. W. Rash, Leonard Webb, J. E. Irby, Solomon Pool, James Ballard, A. J. McBryde, S. R. Trawick, Jacob Scheek, J. W. Vandiver, N. H. Guyton, H. S. Scarboro, Solomon Lea. P. M. Farrow, Wm H. Bass, S. D. Franklin, J. H. Jenkins, T. L. D. Smith, Jas. Minish, P H. Joyner, W. P. Williams, R. L. Abernethy, B. York, D. D., J. W. Heptinstall, L Branson, D. P. Meacham R. H. Whitaker, P. J. Wray, Dr. E. L Perkins, R. M. Stafford, J. F. Butt, Alexander Walker, J. H. Burt.

The following annual report of the Treasurer was adopted:

L. BRANSON, *In Account with N C Local Ministers' Conference,*

		Dr.
To balance on hand last year,		$ 22
" Collection at Tryon Street Church,		2 32
" Cash of Solomon Pool,		5 00
" " J. W. Cotton,		1 20
" " John W. Heptinstall,		5 00
" " Miles P. Owen,		10
" " J H Burt,		25
" " P J Wray,		1 00
" " I N Mann,		50
" " James Stewart,		50
" " Frank Sandford,		1 00
" " Leonard Webb,		25
" " Solomon Pool,		1 00
" " A J McBryde,		1 00
" " Solomon Lea,		50
" " R M Stafford,		1 00
" " W P Williams,		1 00
" " P H Joyner,		1 00
Balance,		1 91
		$24 75

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By printing 500 Minutes,	$20 00	
" Circular Reports,	1 75	
Postage	2 00	
		$24 75

The following telegram and correspondence will be of interest to the members of this Conference.

[TELEGRAM.]

CLAYTON, October 20th, 1879.

To the National Association of Local Preachers, Troy New York:
Fraternal Greeting. Honor to the Master. Success to the Laborers.
L. BRANSON, *Sec. N. C. Local Ministers' Con.*

[REPLY BY LETTER.]

BROOKLYN, N. Y., October 23rd, 1879.

REV. L. BRANSON —Dear Brother:—The National Association of Local Preachers received your telegram while in session at Troy, and directed the Corresponding Secretary to reply,

We were all glad to learn that you had an organization in your State, believing as we do in that way we can do more for the church and the world than in our individual and isolated capacity. We all sent up a prayer to God wh n it was read, and we all feel that the Local preacher is one and the same wherever he lives. We all send to you our greeting, and hope you may be able to send delegates to the next convention which will meet in Baltimore next year in October.

As soon as our proceedings are published I will send you a copy. I hope you will also send one of yours. In behalf of the National Association of Local Preachers.

C. C. LEIGH, *Cor. Sec.*

The following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are tendered to the various Railroads of the State which have so courteously passed our members and visitors at reduced rates.

That, we assure the good people of Clayton, who have so hospitably thrown open their doors to us, and have so generously entertained us, of our high appreciation of their kindness, and that we shall ever warmly cherish the remembrance of our visit to them.

The Conference then adjourned with the benediction.

J. W. HEPTINSTALL, *Pres't.*

L. BRANSON, *Sec'y.*

NOTE.—D. P. Meacham preached at night to a large audience.

At 9 o'clock, Sabbath morning, the Sunday School mass-meeting was addressed by J. F. Butt and E. A. Wright.

Solomon Pool preached at 11 o'clock, after which the sacrament was administered by G. W. Heptinstall.

L. Branson preached at 3 P. M., and J. F. Butt at night.

A gracious revival, resulting in 30 conversions, followed the exercises of the Conference.

Constitution.

ARTICLE I – NAME.

SEC. 1 This body shall be known as the NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE and shall be governed by this Constitution and such By-Laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the Discipline and usage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the Gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the Church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

The members of this Conference shall consist of two Delegates from each Presiding Elder's District, and such other Local Preachers as may be present and recognized by the Conference.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an Annual Address or Sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same, as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4. The Officers of this Conference shall constitute a Finance Committee, the President being Chairman, which Committee shall direct the application of all of the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The Contingent Fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the Minutes shall be applied annually to the relief of such members, and families of the members, as the Finance Committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

MEMOIRS.

REV. SAMUEL PEARCE died at Charlotte, December 25th, 1878, in his 71st year.

REV. DAMON G. MEEKINS died February 10th, 1879, in his 53rd year. He was converted in 1853, licensed to preach in 1854 or '55, and faithfully performed his duty as a local preacher. He was a devoted christian.

REV. HENRY S. CROWSON died at his residence near Rockingham, N. C., in the 73rd year of his age, having been a preacher over 50 years. He was regarded as a good and useful man by all who knew him.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
ALAMANCE.	
W H Thompson, deacon,	Oaks.
ANSON.	
Thomas W Kendall,	Long Pine.
Dr John S Kendeall, eld.	Ansonville.
T M Henly,	Cedar Hill.
John Hutchinson,	Polkton.
ALLEGHANY.	
J F Roberts, deacon	Laurel Branch.
J L Pugh, licen.	Mouth of Wilson, Va.
ASHE.	
Jones Wagg,	Jefferson.
ALEXANDER.	
A Carson,	Taylorsville.
S R Trawick elder,	York Institute.
BEAUFORT.	
W H Cuninggim	Aurora.
BUNCOMBE	
Dr. J A Reagan, e	Weaverville.
J S Weaver	Reams' Creek.
M M Weaver,	"
G W F Hampton,	Asheville.
L M Pease,	"
H E Joiner,	"
Geo W Miller,	"
Geo W Penley, elder,	Hominy.
Joseph Hawkins,	"
J W Vandiver,	Weaverville.
G M Cale,	"
T M Dula,	Democrat.
BURKE.	
R L Abernethy, e,	Happy Home.
John W Dorsey,	"
T A Dorsey, licentiate,	Morganton.
F R Kaylor,	"
B York, D D., elder,	Happy Home.
J A Belk	"
W England, elder	"
BLADEN.	
Joshua Johnson,	Amon.
———Guyton,	Elizabethtown.
———Cox,	"
CALDWELL.	
Abram Hays,	Love Lady.
J L Healon,	Lenoir.
N H Kaylor,	"
CARTERET	
Dr E L Perkins, elder,	Newport.
John Rumley, elder,	Beaufort.
L W Piggott,	"
CASWELL.	
Solomon Lea, elder,	Leasburg.
CATAWBA.	
David E Warlick,	Jacob's Fork.
Robert Helton,	"
Jordan N Payne,	North Brook.
CHATHAM.	
Jonas Stuart,	Martha's Vineyard
J W Cotton, deacon,	Merry Oaks.
Lewis Philips e,	Harper's X Roads.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
Wilson Atwater, elder, Snipes' Store.	
Henry Mann, licentiate,	Bellevoir.
William Snipes, elder,	"
L Burnett,	Pittsboro.
Isac N Mann,	"
CLEAVELAND.	
Robert Ledford, deacon,	Johnson.
W M Swafford	Knob Creek.
R M. Hoyle,	Holly Bush.
CRAVEN.	
James A Suydam, elder,	New Berne.
David W Porter,	Swift Creek.
CUMBERLAND.	
Love Culbreth,	Blockersville.
DAVIDSON.	
Joseph Miller, deacon,	Salem.
J W Burton,	Thomasville.
DARE.	
H S Scarborough, licentiate	Kennekeet
P M Farrow,	The Cape.
W G Fulcher,	Hatte as
DAVIE.	
Vincent Walker,	Calahan.
Daniel Potts,	Shady Grove.
Jacob Sheek,	Smith Grove
FORSYTHE.	
P H Joyner, elder,	Winston.
S D Franklin, elder,	"
John Alspaugh, elder,	Mt Tabor.
James E Petree,	"
J B Doub,	Vienna.
J H White, elder,	Salem.
S Long, elder,	"
FRANKLIN.	
W A Brame, deacon	Louisburg.
GATES.	
Costen Jordan,	Sunsbury.
GRANVILLE.	
T L D Smith deacon,	Kittrells.
John W York,	Oxford.
J B Floyd, deacon,	Wilton.
GASTON.	
A M Willis,	Garabaldi.
GREENE.	
Dr. S B Hardy, elder,	Hookerton.
S W Ormond,	"
GUILFORD.	
Thos Regan, licentiate,	Jamestown.
R M Stafford, i,	Greensboro.
E A Wilson, elder,	Friendship.
W H Boss,	Kernersville.
Turner M Jones, D. D,	Greensboro
HALIFAX.	
G W Heptinstall, elder,	Enfield.
J A B Kilpatrick,	Littleton.
F B Andrews,	"
J W Heptinstall, elder,	"
HARNETT.	
D H McNeil,	Harrington
D N McLean,	Raleigh.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
HENDERSON.	
C M Greer, deacon,	*Hendersonville.*
W B Reese, - -	"
Munson Greer, - -	Mills River.
HYDE.	
Hezekiah Farrow, -	Sladesville-
Zion F Meekins, - -	"
J *M* Watson, elder, -	Lake Landing.
IREDELL.	
Dr J P Nicholson, -	*Eagle Mills.*
T *A* Nicholson, - -	"
Dr P *C* Jurney, elder, -	Olin.
W B Richardson, -	Statesville
JOHNSTON.	
S *Hine* ; Whitaker, - -	*Clayton.*
MADISON.	
John *H* Southerland, - -	*Marshall*
J G Smith, - -	Warm Springs.
J R Lamb, - -	" "
MACON.	
C *D* Smith, elder, - -	Franklin.
MARTIN.	
J S Short, - -	Williamston
MITCHELL.	
T B Fe tz, - - -	Burkville.
MOORE.	
Lewis Phillips,.....	Fair Haven.
Hardy Saunders,.....	Macedonia.
MONTGOMERY.	
J B Ballard, elder,.....	Troy,
MCDOWELL.	
Rev. Mr. Pitts,....	Marion.
W Kaylor,.....	"
William H England.....	Bridgewater
MECKLENBURG.	
John F Butt, elder,.....	Charlotte.
E Overcash.....	"
Dr. S Pharr, ...	"
Thomas S Ellington, ...	"
John W Abernethy,.....	Mathews.
W P Williams, dea.,	Davidson College.
NASH.	
J J Johnson,.....	Nashville,
E A Bobbitt,....	Castalia.
ORANGE.	
Solomon Pool, elder,.....	Chapel Hill
William Dollar....	Hillsboro
Alexander Walker, - -	Durham
PERSON.	
w R webb,....	Roxboro.
PITT.	
W Bryant,.....	Bethel.
Samuel Brown,....	"
Redding Moore,.....	Greenville.
Dr. J H Johnson,....	"
RANDOLPH.	
Amos Gregson, elder, -	High Point
RICHMOND.	
George W Neal, elder. ..	Rockingham.
J A Covington, - - -	"
Frank Sandford,.... ...	"
J W O'Brien,.....	Bear Branch.
Leonard webb,..	Bostick's Mills
ROBESON.	
Neil Ray,.....	Lumberton.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
ROCKINGHAM.	
Daniel E Field,.....	Leaksville.
ROWAN.	
Isaac M Shaver,.....	Gold Hill.
A K Murchison,..	Salisbury.
C Plyler,.....	"
David Brown,.....	Edminstonville.
SAMPSON.	
Miles P Owen,....	Warrensville.
Owen Johnson,..... ..	Herringsville.
Owen Spell,.....	Dismal.
Josiah Sutton, -	Burnett's X Roads.
STANLEY.	
A F Atkins,.....	Albemarle
SURRY.	
William Rawley, - -	Mt. Airy.
James Needham, - - -	"
Norman Meliny, - - -	"
Wm. F Needham, - -	Tom's Creek
Jesse Needham,.....	"
James Minish,.....	Elkin.
D M Holcomb, ...	Rockford.
Benjamin Nutt, deacon,.....	Siloam.
J J Setliff, licentiate,.....	Rusk.
STOKES.	
——. Suddy, - - -	Dalton.
TRANSYLVANIA.	
A F English, - -	Davidson River
J A English, - - -	Brevard.
UNION.	
J E Irby, - - -	Monroe.
James Bickett, - - -	"
WAKE.	
A N Betts,....	Apex.
D P Meacham, deacon, -	Raleigh,
L Branson, elder,.....	"
W J Crowder, licentiate..	"
F. Harper whitaker, " ..	"
P J wray elder,....	"
WARREN.	
Char'es M Cooke, elder,	Warrenton.
B F Long, D. D., elder,	"
W S Davis, - - -	Warrenton.
WATAUGA.	
A J McBride, licent'e, McBride's Mills.	
Joshua Cole, elder, ..	" "
John P Combs, licen.	" "
George w Osborn, el,	" "
N C Combs, licentiate, -	Boone.
H B Blackburn, licentiate, - -	"
WAYNE.	
E A Wright,....	Goldsboro,
A J Finlayson,...	"
Morris Howell,....	"
William Bryant,..... ..	Nahunta.
John T Frogden,.....	Everettsville.
Gray C Garris,.....	Fremont.
WILKES.	
J W Rush, - - -	Wilkesboro.
YADKIN.	
T S Whittington, elder,	Jonesville.
Samuel Brown, - -	"
L D Burr, - - - -	Yadkinville.
J N Mathews, - - -	East Bend.
R G Gwyn, - - -	Hamptonville.
YANCEY.	
G M Hampton, - -	Bald Creek.
Thomas Huston, - -	"
James McCampbell, -	Burnsville.
W F Gibbs, - - - -	Micaville.

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July 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 1880.

(11TH ANNUAL SESSION.)

R. L. ABERNETHY, D. D., PRESIDENT. L. BRANSON, SECRETARY.

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N. C. Local Mininsters' Conference

FOR 1880.

The Local Conference met at 2 o'clock, P. M., July 21st, in the M. E. Church South, at Rutherford College. The opening services were held by President J. W. Heptinstall.

On motion, J. B. Carpenter, J. A. Belk, L. P., and and J. T. Abernethy, layman, were appointed a committee on Divine Service.

The Presiding Elders' Districts were called and the following delegates were reported present, (24 delegates being a full delegation expected from the entire State):

J. W. Heptinstall,	L. W. Pigott,	B. York, D. D.,	B. A. York,
L. Branson,	W. P. Williams,	J. A. Belk,	J. W. Jones,
J. L. Healan,	M. D. Giles,	R. L. Abernethy, D.D.,	J. A. Lee,
Abram Hayes,	F. R. Kaylor,	D. P. Goode,	J. T. Hoyle.
Wm. Swofford,	W. H. England,	T. W. Kendall,	

On motion of B. York, D. D., it was ordered that J. S. Nelson, J. B. Carpenter, T. H. Edwards, and P. M. Plyler of S. C., be invited to seats and discussion in this body.

On motion of Dr. York, the Secretary was requested to complete the roll as nearly as he can in his own way.

The Conference agreed to meet at 9, A. M., and adjourn at 11; meet at 3, P. M., and adjourn at will.

The President announced that he would deliver his annual sermon at 11 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday.

J. A. Lee led in prayer and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by President Heptinstall.

L. W. Pigott preached at night.

THURSDAY, July 22nd, 9, A. M.

Conference assembled at the appointed time. President Heptinstall in the chair, and was opened with religious services by W. H. England. The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved. W. H. England, W. Swofford and J. A. Belk reported present.

Rev. J. S. Nelson, Presiding Elder of the Shelby district, was called out and spoke to the Conference in a pleasant and

brotherly manner calculated to inspire confidence and promote good feeling.

On motion the following committees were appointed:

On Education—J. A. Lee, B. York, D. D., L. W. Pigott.

On Temperance—W. H. England, W. P. Williams, J. A. Belk.

On State of Conference—R. L. Abernethy, D. D., L. W. Pigott, L. Branson.

On motion, 3 o'clock, P. M., Friday was made the special hour of business for the election of officers.

The Secretary read written reports from several members.

Dr. York made verbal report—has preached 57 sermons—baptized 2 children, married 2 couples, delivered 30 lectures on literary, scientific and moral subjects—was 75 years old January 3, 1880, and 57 years in the church the 12th day of August, 1880—has averaged about 100 sermons a year—has been totally blind nearly 27 years, and 40 years defective in vision—has traveled and preached and taught almost constantly—in the ministry nearly 50 years.

L. W. Pigott was licensed in 1855—has been in charge of the Raleigh City Mission since the middle of April, and has enjoyed visiting the aged and the sick. Has organized a Sunday School at Macedonia.

The Conference adjourned with prayer by J. A. Lee and benediction by Dr. York. W. H. England preached at 11, a. m.

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3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference assembled at the hour, and religious services were held by William Swofford. Minutes read and approved.

Wm. Swofford reported that he had preached nine times, held three prayer-meetings and delivered five exhortations—finds plenty of openings and the people attentive—could do much more had he health and strength; has been preaching about eleven years. Health is very poor.

Dr. R. L. Abernethy reported: has been largely engrossed in his work as President of the College; teaches regularly, hearing fourteen recitations each day, and, as a rule, preaches each Sabbath, either in the College or elsewhere. The revival spirit obtains in the College all the year round, and over one hundred have been converted during the past year and some forty have been received into the church.

W. H. England, in addition to a written report, reported that he has been much hindered in his labors by the want of conveyance; has labored much for the regular pastor; has filled nine appointments during the past year, besides much miscellaneous work.

J. A. Belk reported—has kept up six regular appointments;

preached over one hundred sermons; organized three Sabbath Schools; held some twenty prayer-meetings; held 3 or 4 protracted meetings; taken in 70 members; witnessed some 60 conversions; baptized 30 infants and adults; has been preaching about 20 years and finds a blessing to himself in trying to preach; hopes to be able to do more in the future.

L. Branson reported—has filled his disciplinary position of assistant pastor, to the best of his strength and ability; has visited the sick more than usual, talked and prayed with them, and often preached at private houses. His work has been miscellaneous but not so large or effective as would seem to have been desirable; hopes to be more extensively useful another year.

Brother P. M. Plyler, of South Carolina, being called out, spoke of his labors—has been preaching three years; desires to be useful as a local preacher; has preached some 50 sermons during the past year, but is not satisfied with his work; hopes to be more and more useful to the end of life.

President Heptinstall made a verbal report of his work—preaches nearly every Sabbath, sometimes twice and three times; preaches many funerals; has labored regularly in Sabbath School during the year; believes that he has evidences of the fruits of his labors in the conversion of sinners; enjoys the work of the Master, and hopes to be increasing in usefulness to the end of life.

Rev. T. H. Edwards of the itinerancy, being called out, stated that he had found the Local Ministry a very valuable help, and that his work has always been easiest and most successful when and where he had most help from Local Preachers; warmly commends and encourages the local preachers; says he can hardly imagine anything that can be more improving to the local ministry than the Local Conference.

J. B. Carpenter, of the itinerancy, spoke of himself as having been greatly benefitted by the Local Ministers; is warmly attached to them; has enjoyed this Conference very greatly.

On motion the Conference adjourned with benediction by L. Branson. W. P. Williams preached at might.

FRIDAY, 9, A. M.

Conference was opened by F. R. Kaylor, with the usual religious services. Minutes were read and approved.

F. R. Kaylor and J. W. Jones reported present.

F. R. Kaylor made verbal report—has done less this year than usual; has visited the sick, buried the dead, and on the whole don't know that he could have done better. He believes in class-meetings and to some extent keeps them up.

Dr. York made a statement as to his warm support of class-meetings and of personal piety.

J. W. Jones reported—is attending College as a student, and has been engaged on a mission; is president of the young men's Christian Association, and conducts prayer meeting once a week; reports two Sabbath Schools; has had revival interest at two places; has had four conversions and several accessions to the church.

The Secretary read the written report of James B. Ballard.

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following report; after a spirited discussion was unanimously adopted:

To the President and Members of the Local Ministers' Conference:

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that, Recognizing the importance of the Temperance Societies, after a careful study of the subject, they see no way for a permanent Temperance reform while our state and national governments are legalizing and are actually engaged in converting the grain, which God intends for food for man and beast, into the liquid fire which is consuming 60,000 immortal souls annually. We, therefore, recommend a memorial to our state and national Legislatures to enact such laws as will protect the youth of our country from the tyrannical rule of this wholesale destroyer of soul and body.

Your Committee fully endorse Bros. Abernethy's and Nelson's recent articles in the Raleigh *Advocate* on "Reform in our State Government." Therefore,

Resolved, That we will vote for such men only as Representatives as will pledge themselves to do all in their power to enact such laws as will protect the church from the ravages of this arch enemy. Fraternally submitted,

W. H. England,
J. A. Belk,
W. P. Williams,
} Com.

Resolutions as follows were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, we believe that the class-meeting is a vital and important feature in the spiritual success of our glorious Methodism,

Resolved, That we earnestly and seriously urge all the Local Preachers in our bounds, to the necessity of holding class-meetings, wherever and whenever it may be practicable.

L. W. Pigott.

The Committee on Memoirs reported the death of Miles P. Owen of Sampson county.

Benediction by Dr. York. L. Branson preached at night.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Conference was opened by J. A. Lee; President Heptinstall in the chair. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Abram Hayes and J. L. Healan reported present.

On motion of Dr. Abernethy the special order was postponed 15 minutes to hear the reports of Hayes and Healan.

Abram Hayes reported—has had two regular appointments; preached 40 sermons; labored in the Sabbath School; held some class-meetings and loves them; baptized 12 children.

J. L. Healan reports—has done more work the past spring than usual; has worked much with the pastor; preached at least 30 sermons—has been preaching nearly 40 years.

The time having arrived the election of officers was held, resulting as follows:

President—Rev. R. L. Abernethy, D. D.
1st V. P.—W. P. Williams.
2nd V. P.—L. W. Pigott.
3rd V. P.—D. P. Goode.
Fi. Secretary—L. Branson.

The Committee on Education reported as follows, which report was unanimously adopted:

Report on Education.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report.

We are as fully as ever convinced of the great intrinsic value of Education; taken in its widest sense, it is of vital importance both to the success of church and state; hence, arise its high claims to the fostering care and patronage of both. Moral culture, in our judgment, should never be separated from the mental, since the latter, without the former, may lead to evil as well as good.

Our institutions of learning, such as Academies, High Schools, Colleges and Universities, are to the people generally, what light-houses are to seamen, enabling them to shun danger, and guide their frail barks in safety.

We heartily wish prosperity and success to all the institutions of learning in our country, especially to those under the control and guidance of our own church, such for instance, as Trinity College, Greensboro Female College, and all similar institutions. Rutherford College, under the control of Rev. R. L. Abernethy, D. D., has, we think, special claims upon this Conference, since, in her favors, she does not discriminate between Local and Itinerant ministers, but generously offers equal advantages to both; and, in fact, the ministers of all denominations are entitled to equal privileges. The religious influence in this Intsitution is, perhaps, unsurpassed by any; from the consideration of this and other advantages in this Institution, we heartily recommend it to the patronage of a discerning public.

J. A. Lea,
B. A. York,
L. W. Pigott,
} Com.

The following resolution offered by W. P. Williams was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the status and importance of the Local Preachers, in the North Carolina Conference, seem not to be generally understood and appreciated, Therefore,

Resolved 1st. That the President of this Conference be requested, at the earliest practical day, to address a circular letter to each Local Minister of this Conference, on the importance of attending or reporting to our annual Conferences.

2nd. That each member of the Conference be requested to take up a collection, in the congregations he serves, to assist in defraying the expenses of publishing Minutes, &c.

3rd. That we will do all in our power to assist our pastors in their duties, and thereby prove the efficiency of the Local Ministry.

It was resolved that we recommend the "College Pen," and urge our preachers to work for it.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we again endorse our Organ, the *Raleigh Christian Advocate*, and recommend our local preachers everywhere to aid in extending its circulation, believing that it is accomplishiug great spiritual good, and that it faithfully supports the interest of all Methodist Preachers. R. L. Abernethy.

John W. Heptinstall was unanimously elected a delegate to the "National Local Preachers' Association," to meet in Baltimore in October.

Rev. J. S. Nelson, Presiding Elder, was called out and spoke in the highest terms of Dr. B. York, as an able and successful preacher—of Dr. Abernethy as one of the most useful men in the State—of D. P. Goode, J. A. Belk, W. H. England, J. W. Jones, B. A. York, and W. Swofford as good, active and useful men. He says the Local Preachers on his district are good and zealous men. He has traveled the Shelby, Charlotte and Fayetteville districts, and has never found but two Local Preachers that he thought to be worthless.

On motion of L W Pigott, Rockingham was unanimously selected as the place for the next Conference.

On motion, L. W. Pigott, J. A. Belk, D. P. Goode, L. Branson and R. L. Abernethy, D. D., were appointed a committee on "Local Preachers' Relief Association."

Benediction by J. W. Heptinstall.

T. H. Edwards preached at night.

SATURDAY, July 24th, 9, A. M.

Conference was opened at the regular hour, by J. L. Healan; the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the *Methodist Advance*, published by Rev. F. H. Wood, at Durham, N. C., is an excellent religious paper, and, that we heartily endorse and recommend it to the reading public.

B. York,
L. W. Pigott,
R. L. Abernethy.

R. L. Abernethy, D. D., offered the following which was adopted without a dissenting voice:

Resolved, That, in view of the great worth of Dr. York's series of English Grammars, as text-books in English Philology; and the additional fact that, the author is a blind man, a member of our body, and an excellent educator of the State, who has spent his life in the educational and moral interests of the State, we, as a body, endorse and recommend his series of books to all the educators of the State.

R. L. Abernethy.

L. Branson offered the following amendment to the Constitution which was passed:

Resolved, That the delegates and alternates to this Conference be elected each year by this Conference for the succeeding Conference, and that any vacancies which may occur during the year be filled by the President.

The Committee on the State of the Conference submitted the following report which was adopted:

Report of Committee on State of Conference.

The Committee on the State of the Conference beg leave to report, that we still fully endorse the following report and circular letter adopted by the Conference in Charlotte, and re-adopted by the Conference in Clayton last year, and we also recommend an additional resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the changes in our Discipline made at the last General Conference, in reference to the trial of Local Ministers and Lay Members, are obnoxious; that they ought to be thoroughly discussed in our Church papers and then repealed by the next General Conference.

R. L. ABERNETHY,
L. W. PIGOTT,
L. BRANSON,
} Com.

[CIRCULAR LETTER WHICH CONFERENCE RE-ENDORSES.]

The committee on the "Status of the Local Ministry" submit the following report:

1. The reports sent up by the members of this Conference from different parts of the State indicate an increassed interest everywhere in the great work whereunto we are called as co-laborers in the cause of our Master, with those of our brethren who are wholly consecrated to the work of saving souls.

2. Quite a large number of our Local preachers are very old men, yet many of these report regularly and manifest the warmest interest in the Local Conference. The Members of this Conference have generally maintained a very high standard of piety and usefulness.

3. We believe there is generally a disposition in our regular pastors to appreciate the local workers and to utilize our labors.

4. We are led to believe that Local preachers have been generally satisfied with the laws of the discipline and have not been disposed to clamor for any special legislation in our favor: but in view of certain occurrences of the past year we recommend the following circular letter:

To the Local Ministers of North Carolina and of the M. E. Church South:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We deem it important to call your attention to certain startling facts occuring in the near past.

1st. During last year a local brother on the Washington District was tried on a charge of immorality and expelled from the church without any preliminary committee of Local Ministers. An appeal was carried to the Annual Conference, and the Bishop set aside the proceedings restoring the brother to his original place in the church.

2nd. On the Newbern District a Local preacher was tried on a charge of immorality and expelled, without the preliminary committee required by the discipline. An appeal was taken in this case also, and the proceedings of the lower court set aside restoring this brother also.

3rd. At the late General Codference one of our delegates with one or more other delegates proposed a change of discipline allowing charges to be brought against a Local Minister by *one single layman and he not necessarily a member of the same circuit.* This change was passed, apparently with great unanimity, just at the close of the Conference thus establishing an innovation to the general ecclesiastical and civil polity of our country, which guarantees that no man shall be indicted except by his peers.

4th. If it be a fact that the members of our General Conference did *really canvass* this subject and, then, with unanimity, passed this resolution, so unconstitutional and so unjust then it is time that this Local Conference and all the Local Ministers of our M. E. C South, should enter one *long* and *loud* protest. And we call upon every man of our class to raise his voice against this unjust innovation: and we further recommend that no brother allow himself to be tried, under a bill of charges presented by a layman, until *every power* of *protest* is exhausted to prevent such unconstitutional proceedings.

5th. Inasmuch as Local Ministers do not have any large representation in our General Conference, and have never petitioned as a body, for any special legislation in our favor, we are firmly convinced that all hasty legislation, abbreviating our rights, should meet with our *firm* but *decided* protest.

6th. We also recommend that Local preachers throughout our church form themselves into Local Conferences, for the purpose of mutual improvement, and mutual protest against unnecessary legislation.

7th. Lastly, we advise that this circular letter be spread upon our minutes

and that it be sent for publication to all our church papers throughout the Southern church; also that a copy of our Minutes be sent, as far as practical, to all the Local Ministers of our church. Respectfully submitted.

L. Branson,
W. P. Wikliams, } Com.
D. P. Meacham.

L. W. Pigott, as chairman of Committee on Local Preachers' Relief Association, read a plan of Constitution and By-Laws, for the formation of such an Association, which plan was approved by the Conference.

The following report of the Financial Secretary was unanimously adopted:

L. Branson, *In Account with N. C. Local Ministers' Conference*:

July 21st, 1880.			Dr.
To collection at Clayton, October, 1879			$5 30
To amount received of		Solomon Pool,	4 00
"	"	J. W. Heptinstall,	5 00
"	"	Isaac N. Mann,	50
"	"	T. M. Jones,	1 00
"	"	Jonas Wagg,	1 00
"	"	R. M. Stafford,	1 00
"	"	N. H. Guiton,	50
"	"	J. F. Sandford,	1 00
"	"	Solomon Pool,	2 50
"	"	Owen Spell,	50
"	"	W. R. Webb,	50
"	"	J B. Floyd,	50
"	"	J. A. Belk,	1 60
"	"	W. P. Williams,	1 00
"	"	W. H. England,	40
"	"	F R. Kaylor,	75
"	"	R. L Kaylor,	1 00
"	"	Abram Hayes,	25
"	"	T. H. Edwards,	50
"	"	J. L. Healan,	50
"	"	B. A. York,	50
"	"	J. B. Carpenter,	25
"	"	J. A. Lea	1 00
Miscellaneous,			2 15
			$33 20

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By printing 500 Minutes,	$20 00	
" Postage on Minutes,	3 00	
" Printing 300 Circulars	2 00	
" Postage on "	3 00	
" " Lithograms	1 00	
" Balance from last year,	1 91	
Balance,	2 29	$33 20

Dr. York was called to the chair *pro tem.*

On motion, Conference adjourned to 5, P. M. Benediction pronounced by Dr. York.

J. W. Heptinstall preached at 11 o'clock.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Conference assembled at the appointed time, the President in the chair. The minutes were read and approved.

R. L. Abernethy offered the following in favor of the *Friend and Templar*, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Conference again endorses the *Friend and Templar*, as the most valuable Temperance paper of the southern states, and highly commend brother Whitaker, the Editor, for his long, faithful and successful labors in the cause of Prohibition.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

The Conference proceeded to elect delegates and alternates as follows :

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.—Delegates: John W. Heptinstall, Dr. J. H. Johnson. Alternates: J. A. B. Kilpatrick, J. E. Short.

NEWBERN DISTRICT.—Delegates. A J. Finlayson, E. A. Wright. Alternates: C. W. Westbrook, Dr. E. L. Perkins.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.—Delegates: D. P. Meacham, R. H. Whitaker. Alternates: W. S. Hester, L. W. Pigott.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—N. W. Guyton, Joshua Johnson. Alternates: Josiah Sutton. D. H. McNeill.

HOLSTON DISTRICT.—Delegates: C. D. Smith, Dr. J. A. Reagan. Alternates: J. W. Vandiver, J. S. Weaver.

ALBEMARLE DISTRICT.—Delegates: Costin Jordan.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.—Delegates: Geo. W. Neal, J. F. Sandford. Alternates: M. A. Smith, Lewis Phillips.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.—Delegates: Alex. Walker, Isaac N. Mann. Alternates: W. R. Webb, Samuel Y. Brown.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.—Delegates: Turner M. Jones, D. D., R. M. Stafford. Alternates: E. A. Wilson, Thos. Reagan.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—Delegates: A Carson, Dr. P. C. Jurney. Alternates—Dr. J. P. Nicholson, Isaac M Shaver.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT —Delegates: Sam'l P. Pharr, D. D., T. W. Kendall. Alternates—J. E. Irby, John W. Abernethy.

SHELBY DISTRICT.—Delegates: B. York, D. D., Dr. Alexander Sherrill. Alternates - J. W. Jones, B. F. Dixon.

WRITTEN REPORTS.

The following written reports were read :

John W. Abernethy, Elder, Mathews, has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 34 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School, held 7 prayer meetings, and baptized 4 persons. Sends greeting and wishes success to our Conference.

N. H. Guyton, Whiteville, sends contribution and words of encouragement, though his health does not admit of his attendance at Conference.

James M. Watson, Elder, Lake Landing, has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 30 sermons and baptized 25 persons. Is still an earnest laborer in the Lord's vineyard.

H. S. Scarborough, L. P., Kennekeet, has preached 43 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School and held 14 prayer meetings. Is still strong in the faith, and desires the prayers of the Conference

F. R. Kaylor, Deacon, Happy Home, has had 2 regular appointments, has

preached 25 sermons. organized 1 sabbath school held 2 prayer meetings, baptized 2 persons and received 2 persons into the Church.

James Ballard, Elder, Troy, has had 4 regular appointments, preached 40 sermons, held some good protracted meetings during the summer, had 7 converts at one meeting. He is nearly 78 years old. Desires the prayers of the Conference and sends his benediction to the brethren.

James Minish, Elder, Elkin, has had 4 regular appointments, preached 40 sermons, held 25 prayer meetings, baptized 7 persons—is still laboring cheerfully in the Master's vineyard.

W. R. Webb, Elder, Roxboro, has had 3 regular appointments, has preached 40 sermons, has conducted the Roxboro S. S., as Superintendent, has held various prayer meetings, and received 8 persons into the church—is warmly attached to the Local Conference—disapproves the action of the late General Conference in reference to the trial of Local Preachers.

B. A. York, L. P., Happy Home, has preached 20 sermons, held 12 prayer-meetings, has been actively engaged in the Sabbath School work all the year—organized 1 S. S., aided in some revivals and enjoyed many seasons of grace.

CARY, N. C,, July 13th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHER BRANSON:—I enclose herewith my report and check for $2 50. My engagements with the church at Greensboro' will prevent my attending at Rutherford College during our Conference. I regret this but I cannot now avoid it. As I am employed there upon salary, they have the right to demand my service, and I am unwilling to desert them. During the year, except the month of June, and one Sunday in July, I have been acting pastor of the Greensboro' station, in the absence of brother Bruton. My work this year has been more compact and regular therefore than formerly.

I wish to be allowed the pleasure of saying to my brethren of the Local Conference, that the Lord has been with me and I have greatly enjoyed the work devolved upon me in his providence the present year. I have striven to preach Christ crucified in all the plainness, simplicity and earnestness I could.

I was never more kindly received than in Greensboro'. I have averaged more than two sermons every Sunday the present year, having preached somewhere every Sunday but two or three, and a number of times in the week. I have also held prayer meetings many times, delivered some lectures and addresses and have had a Bible Class on Sunday morning.

My heart is with my brethren of the Local ranks. I feel that the order is an integral and essential part of the great machinery of Methodism. I feel sure that what we need is a more thorough organization. We need to see and interchange views with each other. I cordially approve the Conference and trust it may be well attended, and devoutly pray God's blessings upon your deliberations and labors at Rutherford College. May many souls be won to Christ.

Were I present I would make two suggestions at least that have occurred to me.

1. That some more feasible method of naming delegates be adopted. Perhaps it would be well for the Conference to appoint, or else delegate that authority to a select committee of which the President of the Conference should be chairman. If appointed by Conference, alternates ought to be also designated, as death or removal might ensue in the interval. To have them selected as at present at our District Conferences is objectionable—first, because those Conferences may and often do come after ours. Secondly, because it may happen that few or even no Local Preachers are present. Thirdly, I am not sure that our Conference need to be made contingent or dependent upon the District Conferences.

2. I would suggest the appointment of a delegate who shall represent our Conference at the National Local Preachers' Association, of which Rev. D. H. Wheeler, D. D., is President.

Desiring that you remember me very warmly to the Conference, and with a repetition of the interest I feel in the meeting, its object, its deliberations and its labors, I am very truly, &c., SOLOMON POOL.

GREENSBORO FEMALE COLLEGE, July 3, 1880.

REV. L. BRANSON—Dear Brother: Your circular has been received. In reply to your inquiries I state that I have not had any regular appointments during the year. My Sabbath School in the College every Sunday has demanded my attention. In future, I hope to have such help as will enable me to be absent at least once a month. I suppose I have preached about once a month since last June, or since June, 1879. Have organized no Sabbath School except the one in the College. Have generally attended weekly prayer meeting in the Church. Have not baptized or received any persons into the church.

I regret I shall not be able to attend the Conference in July. Other engagements will deny me this pleasure. I trust you will have a pleasant and profitable time. I have not the money in hand to send in this letter; I mean no small sum. You may rely upon my paying you $1 00, the amount you desire.

Fraternally &c., T. M. JONES.

DEAR BRETHREN—I would be more than pleased to be present with you at the Local Preachers' Conference, but circumstances, which I need not mention, forbid. It has now been several years since I have been able to meet with the Conference, but trust that in the future, should I have a future in this world, to be able to be more prompt in all my duties as a member of the Conference. I perform the work that seems to be allotted to me, I am happy to say willingly, though often imperfectly. I take a delight in the service of our Lord and Master whose blessings I invoke upon you and his Church universally.

Yours Sincerely, JAMES B. FLOYD.

William H. England, Elder, Nebo, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 21 sermons, baptized 7, married 5 couples, has aided his pastor in several two days' and protracted meetings.

J. E. Irby, Elder, Monroe, owing to ill health, has had no regular appointments, has preached 3 sermons, organized 1 Sunday School, and held 30 prayer meetings.

Alexander Walker, L. P., Durham, has had 3 regular appointments—has preached 57 sermons, organized 2 Sunday Schools, held 40 or 50 prayer meetings, organized 1 church and received 52 members.

Isaac N. Mann, Deacon, Pittsboro, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 52 sermons, held 12 prayer meetings, baptized 4 persons and received 7 members. Says: "I am trying in my humble way to do all I can for the cause of the Master and though it requires much self-denial and sacrifice to be a Local Preacher, yet I love the work because He pays me in peace and comfort in my heart."

W. P. Williams, Eld., Dav'n College, has preached 50 sermons, held 36 prayer meetings, received 2 into the church, and baptized 10. Has visited and prayed with many sick. and enjoyed many happy seasons of divine grace thereby.—Has labored in two revivals during the year and witnessed the conversion of over 100 souls. Enclosed $1 for printing Minutes.

L. W. Pigott, Deacon, Raleigh, has 5 regular appointments, has preached about 45 sermons, held about 20 prayer meetings, has been engaged a part of the year on the Raleigh City Mission.

James Wagg, Elder, Jefferson, has had 3 regular appointments, has preached 23 sermons, held various prayer meetings, baptized 3 persons, received 5 into the church. Feeble health has prevented him from doing more.

Jacob Sheek, Elder, Smith Grove, has preached 11 sermons, organized 2 S. Schools; is now quite old and feeble and would have gladly done more work had strength permitted,

R. M. Stafford, Deacon, Greensboro, has had 4 regular appointments—has preached 50 or 60 sermons, has Sunday Schools at all appointments save one—tries to make all his meetings holy meetings—finds the people backward about praying in public—fears they neglect private and closet prayer.

N. H. Guyton, Licentiate, Lyon's Landing, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 112 sermons, organized 2 Sabbath Schools and held 5 prayer meetings.

D. F. Holcomb, Deacon, Rockford, has had 4 regular appointments, preached 40 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School, held several prayer meetings, baptized 15 persons and received several persons into the church.

T. L. D. Smith, Kittrells, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 25 sermons, organized 3 Sunday Schools, held 4 prayer meetings.

Owen Spell, Licentiate, Dismal, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 24 sermons, baptized 1 person and received 1 into the church.

Lewis Phillips, Elder, Fair Haven, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 70 sermons, delivered several Sunday School talks, held 30 prayer meetings, baptized 4 persons, received 7 into the church—prays the blessing of the Lord upon the Conference.

Charles P. Snow, Deacon, Dobson, has had 5 regular appointments preached 25 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School and held 6 prayer meetings.

The time for holding the next Conference was fixed on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1881.

On motion of Dr. Abernethy the Conference adjourned.

The benediction was pronounced by President Heptinstall.

J. W. HEPTINSTALL, *President.*

L. BRANSON, *Fin. Sec'y.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SEC. 1. This body shall be known as the NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE and shall be governed by this Constitution and such By-Laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the Discipline and usage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the Gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the Church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

The members of this Conference shall consist of two Delegates from each Presiding Elder's District, and such other Local Preachers as may be present and recognized by the Conference.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an Annual Address or Sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4. The Officers of this Conference shall constitute a Finance Committee, the President being Chairman, which Committee shall direct the application of all of the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The Contingent Fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the Minutes shall be applied annually to the relief of such members and families of the members, as the Finance Committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening by the President.
2. Calling the Roll and correcting.
3. Address of the President.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Written Reports of Local Ministers.
6. Verbal Reports.
7. Selecting Delegates.
8. Discuss Plans for Increased Usefulness.
9. Reports of Committees.
10. Select Place for Next Conference.
11. Election of Officers.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Benediction.

COURSE FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

The following course of study has been prescribed by the College of Bishops for Local Preachers, to take effect after the close of the present year, 1880:

FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

The Bible—History and Biography.
The Discipline.
Binney's Theological Compend.
Wesley's Sermons on Justification, and on the Witness of the Spirit.

RECOMMEND FOR REFERENCE.

Preacher's Text-book.
Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary.
Watson's Institutes.
Ruter's Gregory's Church History.
Catechism on Church Government.

FOR ELDER'S ORDERS.

The Bible—Doctrines,
The Discipline.
Manual of Discipline.
Watson's Institutes.
Wesley's Sermons.
Smith's Elements of Divinity.

RECOMMEND FOR REFERENCE.

Paine's Life of McKendree,
Prelatical Succession Examined.
Watson's Life of Wesley.
Watson's Sermons.
Clarke's Commentary
Summers on Gospels and Acts.
Whedon's Commentary.

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
ALAMANCE.	
W H Thompson, deacon,	Oaks.
ANSON.	
Thomas W Kendall,	Long Pine.
Dr. John S Kendall, elder,	Ansonville.
T M Henly,	Cedar Hill.
John Hutchinson,	Polkton.
ALLEGHANY.	
S F Roberts, deacon,	Laurel Branch.
J L Pugh, licen.,	Mouth of Wilson, Va
ASHE.	
Jas. Wagg,	Jefferson.
ALEXANDER	
A Carson,	Taylorsville.
S R Trawick, elder,	York Institute.
BEAUFORT.	
W H Cuninggim,	Aurora.
BUNCOMBE.	
Dr. J A Reagan, elder,	Weaverville.
J S Weaver	Ream's Creek.
M M Weaver,	"
G W F Hampton,	Asheville.
L M Pease,	"
H E Joiner	"
Geo W Miller,	"
Geo W Penley, elder,	Hominy.
Joseph H Hawkins,	"
J W Vandiver,	Weaverville.
G M Cale,	"
T M Dula,	Democrat.
BURKE.	
R L Abernethy, D. D.,	Happy Home.
John W Dorsey,	"
B A York,	"
T A Dorsey,	Morganton.
F R Kaylor,	"
J N Payne,	"
B York, D. D.,	Happy Home
J A Belk,	"
R L Warlick,	Table Rock.
BLADEN.	
Joshua Johnson,	Amon.
N H Guyton,	Elizabethtown.
——— Cox,	"
CALDWELL.	
Abram Hayes,	Love Lady.
J L Healon,	Lenoir.
N H Kaylor,	"
CARTERET.	
Dr. E L Perkins, eld	Newport.
John Rumley, eld	Beaufort.
CASWEEL.	
Solomon Lea, elder,	Leasburg.
CATAWBA.	
Dr. A A Sherrill,	Denver.
Jordan N Payne,	North Brook.
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Robert Helton,	"
CHATHAM.	
Jonas Stuart,	Martha's Vineyard.
J W Cotton, deacon	Merry Oaks.
Lewis Phillips, elder,	Harper's X Roads
Wilson Atwater, elder,	Snipes' Store.
Henry Mann, licentiate,	Bellevoir.
William Snipes elder,	"
L Burnett,	Pittsboro.
Isaac N Mann,	"
CLEAVELAND.	
J T Hoyle	Camp Creek.
Dr. B F Dixon,	King's Mountain.
L L Smith,	Shelby.
N H Haynes,	"
J A Lee,	Holly Bush.
Josiah Morris,	Gardner's Ford.
Bobert Ledford, deacon,	Johnson·
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R M Hoyle,	Holly Bush
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A M Wells,	Garibaldi.

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S W Ormond,	"
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Thomas Reagan, licentiate,	Jamestown.
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Turner M. Jones, D.D,	Greensboro
HALIFAX.	
G W Heptinstall, elder,	Enfield.
J A B Kilpatrick,	Littleton.
F B Andrews,	"
J W Heptinstall, elder,	"
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D H McNeill,	Harrington.
D N McLean,	Raleigh.
HENDERSON.	
C M Greer, deacon,	Hendersonville.
W B Reese,	"
Munson Greer,	Mills River.
HYDE.	
Hezekiah Farrow,	Sladesville.
Zion F Meekins,	"
J M Watson, elder,	Lake Landing.
IREDELL.	
Dr. J P Nicholson,	Eagle Mills.
T A Nicholson,	"
Dr. P C Jurney,	Olin.
W B Richardson,	Statesville
JOHNSTON.	
S Hines Whitaker,	Clayton.
LINCOLN.	
Julius Kennedy,	North Brook
W L C Killian,	Denver.
MADISON.	
John H Southerland,	Marshall
J G Smith,	Warm Springs
J R Lamb,	"
MACON.	
C D Smith, elder,	Franklin.
MARTIN.	
J S Short,	Williamston.
MITCHELL.	
T B Feltz,	Burkville.
MOORE.	
Lewis Phillips,	Fair Haven
Hardy Saunders,	Macedonia.
MONTGOMERY.	
J B Ballard, elder,	Troy.
McDOWELL.	
Rev. Mr. Pitts,	Marion.
W Kaylor,	"
William H England,	Nebo.
M D Giles,	Bridgewater.
M L Kaylor,	Marion.
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John F Butt, elder,	Charlotte.
E Overcash,	"
S Phair D. D.,	"
Thomas S Ellington,	Charlotte.
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W P Williams, dea,	Davidson College
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J J Johnson,	Nashville.
E A Bobbitt,	Castalia.
ORANGE.	
William Dollar,	Hillsboro.
Alexander Walker,	Durham.
PASQUOTANK.	
J S Chatman,	Elizabeth City
PERSON.	
W R Webb,	Roxboro.
PITT.	
W Bryant,	Bethel.
Samuel Brown,	"
Redding Moore,	Greenville.
Dr. J H Johnson,	"
POLK.	
W W Womach,	Mills Spring.
H F Wiley,	"
J T Littlejohn,	"
RANDOLPH.	
Eli Craven,	Moffitt's Mills.
B F Coffin,	"
Rev. Mr. Craven,	Foust's Mills.
Amos Gregson, elder,	High Point
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Carter Bennett,	Rutherfordton
J F Washburn,	New House.
Reuben Washburn,	Oak Spring.
P D Moore,	Duncan's Creek.
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George W Neal, elder,	Rockingham
Robert S Ledbetter, elder,	"
James A Covington, elder,	"
Leonard Webb,	"
Frank Sandford, elder,	"
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Marshall A Smith,	" "
John C Smith,	" Rockingham.
ROBESON.	
Neill M Ray,	Lumberton.
ROCKINGHAM.	
Daniel E Field,	Leaksville.
ROWAN.	
Isaac M Shaver,	Gold Hill.
C Plyler,	Salisbury.
David Brown,	Edmintonville.
SAMPSON.	
Owen Johnson,	Herringsville.
Owen Spell,	Dismal.
Josiah Sutton,	Burnett's X Roads.

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SURRY.	
William Rawley,	Mt. Airy.
James Needham,	"
Norman Meliny,	"
Wm. F Needham,	Tom's Creek.
Jesse Needham,	"
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D M Holcomb,	Rockford.
Benjamin Nutt, deacon,	Siloam.
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STOKES.	
——. Suddy,	Dalton.
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J A English	Brevard.
UNION.	
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James Bickett,	"
James T Kendall,	"
Hezekiah Hay,	"
WAKE.	
A N Betts,	Apex
D P Meacham, deacon,	Raleigh.
L Branson, elder,	"
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W S Davis,	"
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Joshua Cole, elder,	"
John P Combs, licen.,	"
George W Osborn, el.	"
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H B Blackburn, licentiate,	Boone.
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A J Finlayson,	"
Morris Howell,	"
William Bryant,	Nahunta.
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Gray C Garris	Fremont.
WILKES.	
J W Rush,	Wilkesboro.
YADKIN.	
T S Whittington, elder,	Jonesville.
Samuel Brown,	"
L D Burr,	Yadkinville.
J N Mathews,	East Bend.
R G Gwyn,	Hamptonville.
YANCEY.	
G M Hampton,	Bald Creek.
Thomas Huston,	"
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FOR

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HELD AT

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July 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 1881

(12TH ANNUAL SESSION.)

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North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference,

FOR 1881.

The Twelfth Annual Session of the N. C. Local Ministers' Conference convened on the 21st of July, 1881, in the M. E. Church, South, at Rockingham, N. C. The Conference was opened by reading from the Word of God, singing and prayer by Rev. L. Branson.

Rev. John W. Heptinstall was elected Chairman, *pro tem.*

The Presiding Elders' Districts were called; the following delegates were in attendance:

J. W. Heptinstall,	Frank Sanford,	Neill McN. Smith.
R. S. Ledbetter,	L. Branson,	R. L Abernethy, D. D.
F. B. Andrews,	W. L Grissom,	Leonard Webb,
J. A Covington,	J. B. Ballard,	A. H. Adams, vis. from S. C.

On motion, the President appointed Hiram P. Cole, R. S. Ledbetter and Frank Sanford as committee on Divine services.

The Conference agreed to meet at 9, A. M. and adjourn at 11; meet at 3, P. M. and adjourn at will.

Rev. A. H. Adams of South Carolina was introduced to the Conference. Revs. T. W. Guthrie and Hiram P. Cole of the N. C. Conference were also introduced, and invited to participate in the deliberations of the Conference.

Neill McN. Smith was announced to preach at night.

Adjoruned with the benediction by the President.

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FRIDAY, 9, A. M.

The Conference met at 9, A. M., President R. L. Abernethy in the chair. Religious services by J. W. Heptinstall. Minutes were read and approved. Rev. P. Greening of the N. C. Conference was introduced to the Conference and the usual courtesies extended.

On motion committees were appointed as follows:

On Temperance—J. B. Ballard, Neill McN. Smith, James A. Covington and W. L. Grissom.

Education—F. B. Andrews, R. S. Ledbetter, J. B. Ballard.

Memorials to General Conference---J. W. Heptinstall, Solomon Pool and L. Branson.

On Relation of Local Ministers to the Itinerancy---R. S. Ledbetter, Frank Sanford and L. Branson.

A communication was read from Rev. P. M. Farrow, asking aid from this Conference. Refered to Finance Committee. Conference adjourned. Rev. A. H. Adams appointed to preach at 11, A. M.

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3, P. M., Friday.

The Conference met at the usual hour, and was opened by J. B. Ballard. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

The Conference was then entertained with

VERBAL REPORTS.

Verbal reports being called for, J. W. Heptinstall reported as follows: Has given much of his attention to Sunday Schools, and of late has preached temperance and prohibition; aids the pastor in his work, preaches many funerals, and hopes he has accomplished good for the Master.

L. Branson reported as follows: Has tried to fill his disciplinary position, that of assistant pastor; has preached much at private houses, has visited the sick, and has found pleasure and spiritual growth in his work; has tried to average one sermon each week, beside other ministerial work; hopes to be more useful another year

J. B. Ballard reported---has usually had four appointments; has had sickness in his family; has been preaching over 45 years, been a member of the church nearly 60 years, and will be 79 years old in October; is a cripple for life but wants to work to the end of the race.

F. B. Andrews reported. Has labored much in revivals; has two appointments, Whiteville circuit, given him by the P. E; labors constantly in the Sabbath School cause---has been laboring in the prohibition cause; he endorses the usages of the Conference.

W. L. Grissom was licensed only last November; preached some 15 sermons at 3 regular appointments; has labored in the Sabbath School and in the temperance cause; is teaching and studying and preparing himself for usefulness in life.

R S Ledbetter reports having been engaged in S. S. work mostly for the last 8 years. Feels that preaching is the highest honor that can come to mortals; regrets that bodily affliction prevents him from preaching as he once could; then it was his greatest enjoyment. He loves the church and loves the Local Conference.

T W Guthrie of the North Carolina Conference spoke to this Conference, giving instances of the preaching of brother Ledbetter in years gone by, as being powerful and affecting. Has known only two local preachers, in his long experience, that he thought worthless---says the local preachers are doing good work and a great deal of it; many of them have very fine talent. The Local Conference is doing great good; thinks that in ten years local preachers' Conference will be a power in the land.

Hiram P. Cole, of the N. C. Conference, spoke to this Conference feelingly---was touched by the report of father Ballard, now nearly 79 years old---commends the labors and example of this aged brother; spoke in the highest terms of the local preachers in his charge---he loves the local preachers, and knows no difference between local and traveling preachers, except a little in the organic sense.

P. Greening of the N. C. Conference spoke---stated that he is in full sympathy with this Conference---commenced as a local preacher himself; had often walked 20 or 25 miles and preached twice on the Sabbath---has often been aided by local preachers greatly; gives a good account of the local preachers on his circuit and loves the local preachers generally.

Frank Sanford reported as being in full sympathy with the itinerancy, as well as with the locals---loves Methodism everywhere; loves the work; loves to preach when he has spiritual liberty. Believes that spiritual preaching will conquer the world.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President. F. B. Andrews announced to preach at night.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 9, A. M.

The Conference assembled promptly, President Abernethy in the chair. Opened with religious exercises by W. L. Grissom. Minutes read and approved.

Neill McN. Smith reported that he had been laboring much in the Sabbath School cause, in addition to preaching---he is in full sympathy with this Local Conference, and feels that he has been benfitted by the exercises of this session; looks for greater good in the future as the result of the Local Conference.

A. H. Adams of South Carolina spoke to the Conference. Has been about 31 years as an exhorter and local preacher; has assisted the regular pastors with great pleasure. He has for 18 months past been laboring as a colporteur for the American Bible Society---has embraced many opportunities

to preach to the people of other denominations as well as our own. In Robeson county he supplied 450 destitute families with the bible---finds great spiritual enjoyment in this work.

The Conference unanimously adopted the following:

Resolved, That this Conference warmly endorses the Bible work now being performed in Richmond county by our brother A. H. Adams and wish him God speed.

James A. Covington reported. He regards the ministry as the highest calling; was converted under the paeaching of the gospel at 15 years of age, and connected himself at once with the church, commencing to preach about 1850, and has enjoyed the work. Has enjoyed this, the first Local Conference which he has been able to attend---is a warm and zealous laborer.

R. L. Abernethy, D. D., reported as follows: Joined the Methodist church in 1840; 1844, converted; 1852 joined the Conference, and in three years took into the church over 1,100 members---was superannuated for two years, then located and commenced teaching on a piney ridge with eight students---second session 22 students--last year 250 students---this year 268 students---up to the present 803 have professed conversion in the college chapel. During nearly 30 years at teaching has given free tuition to 1108 students which, at regular rates, would have amounted to some $110,000. Many of his students are successful ministers in different denominations. Delights in his work and hopes to be more and more useful to the end of his race.

Leonard Webb reported. Has been preaching some 25 years---enjoys the work as a preacher and regrets any failure to do good.

Committee on Relation of this Conference to the Itinerancy offered a report, pending the consideration of which the Conference adjourned. Benediction by L. Branson.

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3 P. M., SATURDAY.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Services held by Leonard Webb. Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Education reported as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following Report: It is needless for us to expatiate on the importance of education. None will deny that it is indispensable to the proper development of all that is noble in man. It is highly gratifying to us to see the gradual growth of interest in the minds of our people on this all important subject. As Methodists we should as far as possible patronize our own institutions, which, if properly sustained, need be second to none in point of usefulness.

While we are pleased to learn of the decided increase of the patronage of Greensboro Female College, Trinity and Rutherford Colleges, we deeply regret

that they are not more extensively patronized by our people; and we respectfully suggest that each member of this Conference use such influences as he may deem proper to persuade the parents, especially those of our church, to send their children, to these institutions of learning

We heartily extend our sympathies to Rev. R. L. Abernethy, D. D., and congratulate him on the success of Rutherford College, and assure him that our influence and prayers shall be for even greater success in the future.

We deem it proper to State that we lament the great dificiency in our common school system: and must believe that it is partly owing to a lack of interest on the part of our Ministers in not pressing with earnestness the claims of education. We would respectfully suggest that the president of the Conference be requested to appoint a day of prayer and fasting for the cause of education, and our Preachers be requested to preach at least one sermon a year at each appointment upon this subject.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. B Andrews,
R. S. Ledbetter, } Com.
J. B. Ballard.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The committee on Temperance reported as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Your committee to whom has been referred the subject of Temperance beg leave to report: The more we study the subject the more we are impressed with the never to be described, and the never to be enumerated evils of intemperance.

Eternity and the judgment at the last day alone can ever reveal what the monster hath done. 'Could we its evils half but tell, the wise would wish it safe in hell.'

We do most heartily and prayerfully endorse the prohibitory movement now going on in N. C. We endorse fully the action taken by our last Annual Conference, and by other Christian denominations in our state upon this subject.

We are encouraged to hope and believe that the children of God though differing on other points—thus coming together as one church of Christ in one solid body uniting their prayers and their labors in a common cause against the enemy of God and man however formidable that enemy may be—God will hear the cry of his own elect who cry unto Him day and night, and in some way, which we have not seen, he will bring deliverance. And now that the lines are being more distinctly than ever drawn on this subject showing good and evil, vice and virtue, the service of God and the service of the devil, we consider it a momentous question of vital importance for men professing love to God and his cause, members of his Church militant, to know where they stand, on which side of the line and that they be sure that they be not found on the side of evil and sin on the side of the devil.

Resolved As a 'Local Minister's Conference, we stand firmly together with our itinerant brethren and with our Christian brethren of all denominations of the state and world in one warfare against this demon of destruction and death.

Resolved That in all future elections for state and county officers candidates asking our support to secure the same, must fully satisfy us by word and deed, that we shall be fully represented in the councils of Legislation.

We will not vote for enemies of our cause to represent us and make laws for our Government.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. L Grissom,
J. B. Ballard,
N. McN. Smith,
J. A. Covington.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Standing Committee on Memoirs reported the deaths of Miles P. Owen, Henry Mann, Malvina W. Whitaker, con-

sort of brother S. H. Whitaker, Dr. John S. Kendall, A. J. Finlayson, John S. Short and John W. Cotton.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

JOHN S. SHORT was born January the 2nd, 1827, and died May 12th, 1881.— He was converted in 1848, and licensed to preach about 1850; was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Doggett in 1879, and elected to Elder's orders at the last Annual Conference. His labors were sometimes visited by gracious revivals. — He sometimes filled itinerant work as a supply. Nearing his end he said with feeling: "it is often dark and full of disappointment and pain here, but, glory be to God, it is all light and rest and joy up yonder." Then calling his family he bade them good bye, and quietly fell asleep.

JOHN BUIE died at his residence near Fayetteville, October 26. 1880, in the 71st year of his age. He was for a large number of years a Local Methodist Preacher. During long sickness and distress he exhibited an earnest christian spirit, great patience and resignation to the will of God. He received the communion during his last sickness, and expressed confident faith in the salvation of his soul through the merits of Christ our Saviour. His attachment to the Methodist church was unshaken to the last.

ANGUS J. FINLAYSON was the eldest son of a Scotch schoolmaster who immigrated to Wayne county, some 60 years ago He was born in 1825, and died June 9th, 1881, at his residence, near Goldsboro. He was converted at Live Oak church, under the ministry of Ira T. Wyche, in 1849; joined the church 1850; was licensed to preach 1858, at the 4th Quarterly Conference on the Smithfield circuit, William Closs, Presiding Elder. He was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. It is probable that nearly one thousand souls were converted to God under his ministry. Brother Finlayson was frequently employed by Presiding Elders as supply on different circuits and always with entire satisfaction. He was instrumental in building several large churches, always giving liberally of his own means. He was a true missionary to the poor in waste places. A plain, good, earnest preacher, few have done more good in the Master's vineyard. He suffered greatly in his last illness, but died triumphantly—his works do live after him.

REV. MILES P. OWEN, was born in Fayetteville, N. C. March 13th, 1816, and departed this life at his home, Owensville, in Sampson County, July 6th, 1880.

He was baptized in infancy by Rev. Jas. Newton of South Carolina. He was converted and received into the church in Fayetteville by Rev. Tracy R. Walsh. He was licenesed to preach April 8th, 1837, was married in 1839, and again in 1854; he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Waugh in Charlotte Jan. 30th 1842: Elder by Bishop Andrews, Dec. 8th, 1845. As a citizen, husband, father and preacher in every way he was a decided success.

Miles P. Owen was not an ordinary man.

For more than 40 years he served the church as a Local preacher, with no hope of earthly remuneration. He was perfectly resigned to the will of God. He said I am a sinner saved by grace, I am going down the valley and there are no shadows for me. I have put all upon the altar. I am astonished that I am so perfectly resigned. He received the sacrament on his death bed with great joy. He bequeathed his family altar of 40 years' standing, to his family and requested that they should continue to pray around it. He lived well, died well and doubtless entered into eternal rest.

DIED, March 6th, 1881, at Clayton, N. C, MRS. MALVINA W. WHITAKER, Consort of Rev. S. H. Whitaker, long a member of this Conference. Sister Whitaker was in her 64th year. She had for many years been a faithful member of our church. She was a constant friend to all the preachers. She is no doubt safe in the Sunny land.

DIED, At his home in Chatham, County, April 7th, 1881, REV. HENERY MANN, nearly 80 years old. He has been a faithful member of the N. C. Local Ministers' Conference since its organization He was a power in his section for good. He preached and advocated the truth; he was really a Bible

Christian and Bible preacher. Sinner as well as christian had confidence in Bro. Mann. He is on the brighter shore.

In Anson county, Feb. 10th, 1881, Rev Jno. S. Kendall M. D. eightysix years old. The Advocate editorially states that Dr. John S. Kendall was a Local preacher of rare gifts and decided influence. He went far and near to attend camp and revival meetings and to conduct funeral services. He was ever ready also to assist the traveling ministers and was true to them and their work. He was a skillful physician, a close student, a fluent and popular preacher. His days were full of trial but he continued to preach Christ and the resurrection, and served "him who is invisible" to the last, and passed over the river with a shout of triumph upon his aged and eloquent lips.

L. Branson,
J. W. Heptinstall,
George W. Neal,
Solomon Pool.

The report of committee on Relation to the Itinerancy was taken up, discussed elaborately and passed with only one dissenting vote.

The Committee on the Relation of the Local Ministry to the Itinerancy, beg leave to offer the following preamble and resolutions and recommend their adoption by this conference:

Whereas, Two years ago, a proposition was discussed proposing the application of our Local Conference, in a body, for admission into the Annual Conference, and decission was defered to the next Conference: and coming up last year was still defered another year to this Conference, and as much discussion has been had as to the feasibility of the proposition, it therefore becomes necessary for us explain our position.

1. *Resolved*, That we regard the Local Ministry to be as Divinely called as any other Ministry.

2. *Resolved*, That we cheerfully accept the position of Assistant Pastors without salary given us by the discipline.

3. *Resolved*, That as ministers and *Assistant Pastors*, (while we cheerfully perform the duties of laymen) we nevertheless maintain the dignity of our calling as ordained Ministers and believe that we are every where entitled to the same recognition of respect as other ordained Ministers

4. *Resolved*, That while we do not now consider it advisable or feasible to apply as a body for admission into the Itinerant Conference, still we encourage our Local preachers, (as fast as they are qualified and there is a providential opening) to apply for admission into the itinerancy.

R. S. Ledbetter,
Frank Sanford,
L. Branson.
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Report of the Committee on Memorials was read, elaborately discussed and adopted as follows:

ON MEMORIALS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Your Committee on Memorials to the General Conference beg leave to offer the following preamble and resolutions, and recommend their adoption by this Conference:

Whereas, Our late General Conference changed the Discipline in regard to the trial of Local Ministers, and whereas, this Conference entered its protest at its session in Charlotte, 1878, and has re-affirmed the same at each annual meeting since as follows:

[REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CONFERENCE, 1880, 6, 7 & 8 Ps, MINUTES.]

The Committee on the "Status of the Local Ministry" submit the following report:

1. The reports sent up by the members of this Conference from different parts of the State indicate an increased interest every where in the great work whereunto we are

called as co-laborers in the cause of our Master, with those of our brethren who are wholly consecrated to the work of saving souls.

2. Quite a large number of our Local Preachers are very old men, yet many of these report regularly and manifest the warmest interest in the Local Conference. The members of this Conference have generally maintained a very high standard of piety and usefulness, and we believe there is generally a disposition in our regular pastors to appreciate the local workers and to utilize our labors.

3. We are led to believe that Local Preachers have been generally satisfied with the laws of the Discipline and have not been disposed to clamor for any special legislation in our favor: but in view of certain occurrences of the past year we recommend the following circular letter:

TO THE LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA, M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We deem it important to call your attention to certain startling facts occurring in the near past.

1st. During last year a local brother on the Washington District was tried on a charge of immorality and expelled from the church without any preliminary committee of Local Ministers. An appeal was carried to the Annual Conference, and the Bishop set aside the proceedings, restoring the brother to his original place in the church. 2nd. On the Newbern District a Local Preacher was tried on a charge of immorality and expelled, without the preliminary committee required by the discipline. An appeal was taken in this case also, and the proceedings of the lower court set aside, restoring this brother also. 3rd. At the late General Conference one of our delegates with one or more other delegates proposed a change of discipline allowing charges to be brought against a Local Minister by one single layman and he not necessarily a member of the same circuit. This change was passed, apparently with great unanimity, just at the close of the Conference, thus establishing an innovation to the general ecclesiastical and civil polity of our country, which guarantees that no man shall be indicted except by his peers. 4th. If it be a fact that the members our General Conference did really canvass this subject, and, then, with unanimity, passed this resolution, so unconstitutional and so unjust, then it is time that this Local Conference and all the Local Ministers of our M. E. C. South, should enter one long and loud protest. And we call upon every man of our class to raise his voice against this unjust innovation: and we further recommend that no brother allow himself to be tried, under a bill of charges presented by a layman, until every power of protest is exhausted to prevent such unconstitutional proceedings. 5th. Inasmuch as Local Ministers do not have any large representation in our General Conference and have never petitioned as a body, for any special legislation in our favor, we are firmly convinced that all hasty legislation, abbreviating our rights, should meet with our firm but decided protest. 6th. We also recommend that Local Preachers throughout our church form themselves into Local Conferences, for the purpose of mutual improvement, and mutual protest against unnecessary legislation. 7th, Lastly, we advise that this circular letter be spread upon our minutes and that a copy be sent for publication to all our church papers throughout the Southern church; also that a copy of our Minutes be sent, as far as practical, to all the Local Ministers of our church.

L. BRANSON,
W. P. WILLIAMS, } Com.
D. P. MEACHAM.

Therefore. *Resolved*,

1. That we do memorialize the next General Conference, and each member of that Conference, to repeal the changes made in the Discipline, at its last session, in reference to the trial of Local Ministers, leaving the law just as it was previous to that time.

2. That, we do ask the General Conference to pass a law, requiring each annual Conference to enter on its written and printed minutes each year, a full and accurate list of the Local Ministers within its bounds, together with the post officers of the same

3. That we do not believe any other legislation in reference to the Local Ministry is now necessary, and we do protest against hasty legislation in our behalf, without full and free consultation with the leading men of our class in the different conferences.

4. That a copy of our minutes, with this report marked, be sent to each lay and clerical delegate from the North Carolina Conference to the General Conference, and that a marked copy be sent to each member of the Gen. Conference.

5th. That, a copy of the minutes be also sent to each of our church papers, throughout the Southern church, with request that they publish this report.

J W HEPTINSTALL,
SOLOMON POOL, } *Com.*
L BRANSON.

The following report on Finance was read and adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY APPROVED.

L. BRANSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY,

To North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference, DR.

To balance in hand from last year,	$2 29
" Public collection at Rutherford College,	8 65
Received of Thomas Reagan,	50
" H. S. Scarborough,	25
" J. M. Watson,	50
" N. Y. Guyton,	50
" P. J. Wray,	50
" Solomon Pool,	2 50
" Alexander Walker,	50
" N. H. Guyton,	1 00
" Dr. J. M. Raegan,	1 00
" Owen Spell,	50
" N, H. Kaylor,	1 00
" Solomon Lea,	50
" A. F. Atkins,	1 00
" W. P. Williams,	1 00
" W. R. Webb,	50
" Neill McN. Smith,	1 00
" P. H. Jopner,	1 00
" Frank Sanford,	1 00
" W. H. England,	50
" R. L. Abernethy,	1 00
Balance due,	1 61
Total,	28 80

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By printing 500 copies of Minutes,	$20 00	
" Postage on Minutes,	2 50	
" Two boxes of Envelopes,	80	
" Printing 300 Circulars,	2 00	
" Printing Envelopes,	1 00	
" Postage on Circulars,	2 50	$28 80

The Finance Committee recommend that $100 be raised as early as possible and that $10 be sent to the Rev. P. M. Farrow, of Dare county, who is a worthy claimant upon this Conference. R. L. ABERNETHY Ch'n.

On motion the following Delegates were elected to attend the next Local Conference, to be held at Raleigh, Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1882.

NORTH EAST DISTRICT—C Jordan, J S Chapman.
WASHINGTON—J M Watson, Redding Moore.
WARRENTON—W S Davis, B F Long, D.D.
NEWBERN—E A Wright, Dr. E L Perkins.
RALEIGH—Solomon Pool, J B Floyd.
WILMINGTON—Owen Johnson, James Fort.
HOLSTON—C D Smith, Dr. J A Reagan.
FAYETTEVILLE—Neill McRay, Neill McN Smith.
HILLSBORO—Lewis Phillips, Alexander Walker.
GREENSBORO—R M Stafford, E A Wilson.
SALISBURY—W L Grissom, Dr. P C Jurney.
CHARLOTTE—Dr Samuel Pharr, W P Williams.
SHELBY—B York, D. D., Dr B F Dixon.

The Secretary furnished the following

WRITTEN REPORTS.

Joshua Johnson, L. D., has a limited sphere for work—cannot make an accurate report—has a desire to do much more and to be more extensively useful—feels interested in the Local Conference, and will labor for its success.

R. L. Abernethy, D. D., L. E., has preached 103 sermons, married 8 couples, held 46 prayer meetings, delivered 27 lectures on different subjects, heard 14 recitations per day, during the Fall and Spring terms of the College, managed 258 students, has organized and kept up 2 Sunday Schools, taken into the church 38 persons, and baptized 17 persons.

P. M. Farrow, L. D., has preached 8 sermons and baptized 4 children; has been confined at home by sickness most of the year; is in needy circumstances and would appreciate any assistance from the brethren of the Conference.

Neil McN. Smith, L E., has had 3 regular appointments, preached 50 sermons and held 1 prayer meeting; hopes to be more useful each succeeding year.

E A Wilson, L E., has had 1 regular appointment, preached 23 sermons, aided the circuit preacher; made one full round with the preacher in charge, administering the sacrament for him to over 500 persons; has been in poor health all the year; feels a deep interest in the Local Conference.

A F Atkins, L E , has preached nearly every Sabbath, making some 40 or 50 sermons, many of them funerals; has aided the pastor; is an aged man but feels continued and warm interest in the Local Conference.

B York, D. D., local elder has preached 45 or 50 sermons, but on account of poor health and the extremely cold winter has done less than in any previous year. His zeal has not languished, but he has done what he could under the circumstances, has delivered some 40 lectures, mostly on Temperance, has organized various Sabbath Schools in his travels, baptized 2 children, and married 1 couple. Asks the prayers of the Conference that when his work is done he may receive a righteous man's reward.

George L. Fulcher, L P, has worked in connection with his pastor—many have been converted—preachers and people seem to be working earnestly for the Lord—feels much interest in the Local Conference.

W H England, L P, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 20 sermons, baptized 15 adults and 17 children, and received 12 persons into the church; has aided the pastor—has cultivated 10 acres in corn himself, and went on foot to his appointments, one 8 miles and the other 5 miles distant; is now an old man.

J T Hoyle, L P, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 15 sermons, and organized 1 Sunday School.

J A Covington, L E, has had 2 appointments, preached 4 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School, and done the best he could under the circumstances, but hopes to do more another year.

N H Guyton, L P, has had 4 regular appointments, preached 90 sermons, held 12 prayer meetings, and received 20 persons into the church; has labored with the pastor on the Whiteville circuit, and the Lord has blessed the work—was prevented from attending the Conference by continuid sickness. Prays richest blessings on the Local Conference.

J J Setliff, L D, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 38 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School and held 2 prayer meetings; feels interest in the Conference.

E A Craven, L P, has had 5 regular appointments, preached some 50 sermons during the year; feels an interest in the Local Conference

W R Webb, L E. has had 3 regular appointments, preached 50 sermons and held 5 prayer meetings—has been a member of the church 46 years and Local Preacher about 34: is thankful for some success in building and organizing churches.

Alexander Walker, L P, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 65 sermons, held 30 or 40 prayer meetings, and resuscitated 1 Sabbath School.

Solomon Pool, L E, has had one regular appointment, preached largely in connection with the regular pastor: has conducted Cary High School and given much attention to Sunday School work. Is prevented from attending Conference by the District Conference at Cary.

N A Kaylor, L E, has been filling regular appointments with few exceptions, for 31 years; holds regular prayer meetings and attends all the Sabbath Schools in the bounds of his appointments: invokes success to the Local Conference.

Josiah Morris, L P, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 15 sermons, and held 1 prayer meeting. Affliction has prevented doing larger work

J B Ballard, L E, has had 4 regular appointments, preached 25 sermons: is a cripple for life, but does not stop work. Hopes to be more and more useful to the end of his race.

C M Greer, L E, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 44 sermons and held 15 prayer meetings.

T L D Smith, L E, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 20 sermons and held 5 prayer meetings.

Dr. J A Reagan, L E, has had 4 regular appoiutments, preached 40 sermons, held 2 prayer meetings, baptized 2 persons; received 4 into the church; is in sympathy with the Conference; is doing active work in the Temperance cause.

Owen Spell, L D, has had 2 regnlar appointments, preached 30 sermons, baptized 2 persons and recieved 2 into the church.

Solomon Lea, L E, has had 4 regular appointments, preached 50 sermons, held 6 prayer meetings—is 73 years old and in feeble health—preaches every Sabbath: has good congregations and hopes he is doing good.

M D Giles, L P, has had 1 regular appointment, preached 17 sermons, has been attending school at Rutherford College during the year, and is preparing for future usefulness.

J M Rush, L P, has had 1 regular appointment, preached 15 sermons, assisted in 3 Sabbath Schools and held some prayer meetings. Is old and feeble.

James Minish, L E, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 40 sermons, held 25 prayer meetings and baptized 6 persons · is old and cannot do much.

P H Joyner, L E, sends contribution to Minute Fund, and expresses an abiding interest in the Local Conference.

W P Williams, L E, has had 1 regular appointment, preached 56 sermons, held 30 prayer meetings, baptized 5 persons, recieved 2 into the church; is working much with the pastors as assistant; is deeply interested iu the Local Conference

B A York, L P, has had 1 regular appointment, preached 20 sermous, organized 1 Sabbath School and held 10 prayer meetings.

J B Floyd, L D, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 24 sermons and held 6 prayer meetings.

J F Washburn, L P, has had 4 regular appointments; held 2 prayer meetings.

Costin Jordan, L E, writes a sensible letter as to the objects and aims of our Conference; likes organization and unity of action.

Hardy Sanders, L P, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 30 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School; on account of age does not work largely.

J W Abernethy, L E, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 37 sermons, organized 2 Sabbath Schools held 15 prayer meetiugs and baptized 4 persons; his sympathies are with the Local Conference.

W J W Crowder, L P, has 3 appointments in the month, aud often 4; preaches at many private houses and churches within 8 or 10 miles of Raleigh—visits the sick and distributes a large quantity of religious reading—loves the work and feels that he is personally benefitted by it.

D P Meacham, L E, has appointments nearly every Sabbath—is a constant worker as an assistant pastor on the Cary circuit; has made many speeches for and labored earnestly in the Temperance cause.

R H Whitaker, L P, has edited a Temperance paper for 15 years, besides lecturiug and preaching in various sections of the State, as opportunity offered.

L Branson, L E, has preached mostly at private houses in and around the city—visited the sick and assisted the pastor as called upon—has preached 21 sermons and held a number of prayer meetings—hopes to be more extensively useful another year.

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NEW YORK, May 9th, 1881.

DEAR BRO. ABERNETHY:—I could find it in my heart to visit you according to your request, but I cannot find it within my power. I had already made plans for the Summer that consume all my possible leisure·

Convey to your brethren my heartiest good wishes. I am glad that you are so well organized and I hope to hear a good report of you. The Local Ministry has yet a great mission, and, by the blessing of God, we shall all find our places and our work. With kindest regards, Yours Truly,

D. H. WHEELER.

On selecting place for next Conference, Fair Bluff and Raleigh were put in nomination. Raleigh was selected.

The election of officers being next in order the following were chosen:

President—R. L. ABERNETHY, D. D.
1st V. P.---J. W. HEPTINSTALL.
2nd V. P.---R. S. LEDBETTER.
3rd V. P.---NEILL McN. SMITH.
FI. SECRETARY---L. BRANSON.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend our Conference to work for the extension of our organ, the *Raleigh Christian Advocate*, a paper doing great good in the advancement of religion in our State. R L. ABERNETHY.

Thanks were returned to the pastor and other itinerants, for delicate courtesies extended. Also, to those railroads that granted reduction rates to the Conference. Also, to the President and Secretary for courteous ability, as presiding and clerical officers. Also, to the cittzens of Rockingham for kind attentions to the Conference during our stay.

On motion the Conference adjourned with Doxology and Benediction by the President.

J. W. Heptinstall announced to preach at night.

R. L. ABERNETHY, *President.*

L. BRANSON, *Secretary.*

NOTE.

On Sabbath at 9, A. M., J. B. Ballard, Neill McN. Smith and J. A. Cavington conducted a love feast, after the old Methodist style, which was greatly enjoyed by preachers and people.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., R. L. Abernethy, D. D., preached to a large and attentive audience, after which communion was administered to a large number of people.

At 3, P. M., the Sabbath School Superintended by R. S. Ledbetter, was addressed by different members of the Conference. L. Branson preached at night.

A handsome contribution was given by the audience to the Minute Fund of the Conference.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SEC. 1. This body shall be known as the NORTH CAROMINA LOCAL MINISTERT' CONFERENCE, and shall be governed by this Constitution and such By-Laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accodance with the Discipline and usage of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the Gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the Church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

The members of this Conference shall consist of two Delegates from each Presiding Elder's District, and such other Local Preachers as may be present and recognized by the Conference.

The delegates and alternates to this Conference shall be elected each year by this Conference for the succeeding Conference, and any vacancies which may occur during the year shall be filled by the President.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an Annual Address or Sermon, and enforce s strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretay shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4. The Officers of this Conference shall constitute a Finance Committee, the President being Chairman, which Committee shall direct the application of all of the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The Contingent Fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the Minutes shall be applied annually to the relief of such members and families of the members, as the Finance Committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V

This Constitutton may be amended at any Annual Meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

COURSE FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

The following course of study prescribed by the College of Bishops for Local Preachers, has been in effect since the first of 1881:

FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

The Bible—History and Biography.
The Discipline.
Binney's Theological Compend.
Wesley's Sermons on Justification, and on the Witness of the Spirit.

RECOMMEND FOR REFEREE.

Preacher's Text-Book.
Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary.
Watson's Institutes.
Ruter's Gregory's Church History.
Catechism on Church Government.

FOR ELDER'S OREERS.

The Bible—Doctrines.
The Discipline
Manual of Discipline.
Watson s Institutes.
Wesley's Sermons.
Smith's Elements of Divinity.

RECOMMEND FOR REFERENCE.

Paine's Life of McKendree.
Prelatical Succession Examined.
Watson's Life of Wesley.
Watson's Sermons.
Clarke's Commentary.
Summers on Gospels and Acts.
Wheedon's Commentary.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening by the President.
2. Calling the roll and correcting.
3. Address of the President.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Written reports of Local Ministers.
6. Verbal Reports of Delegates.
7. Selecting Delegates.
8. Discuss plans for Increased Usefulness.
9. Reports of Committees.
10. Select place for next Conference.
11. Election of Officers.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Benediction.

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
ALAMANCE.	
W H Thompson, deacon	Oaks.
ANSON.	
Thomas W Kendall	Long Pine
T M Henly	Cedar Hill
John Hutchinson	Polkton
ALLEGHANY.	
S F Roberts, deacon,	Laurel Branch
J L Pugh, licentiate	Mouth of Wilson
ASHE.	
James Wagg	Jefferson
ALEXANDER.	
Dr. A. Carson	Tayloasville
BEAUFORT	
W H Cuninggim	Aurora
E D Hoover	Washington
BUNCOMBE.	
Dr. J A Reagan, elder,	Weaverville
J S Weaver	Ream's Creek
M M Weaver	"
L M Pease	Asheville
H E Joiner	"
George W Miller	"
George W Penley	Hominy
Joseph H Hawkins	"
J W Vandiver	Weaverville
G M Cale	"
T M Dula	Democrat
BURKE.	
R L Abernethy, D.D,	Happy Home
John W Dorsey	"
B A York	"
B York, D. D	"
J A Belk	"

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
T A Dorsey	Morganton
F R Kaylor	"
J N Payne	"
R L Warlick	Table Rock
BLADEN.	
Joseph L Keene	Elizabethtown
Joshua Johnson	Amon
N H Guyton	Lyon's Landing
——Cox	Elizabethtown
CALDWELL.	
Abram Hayes	Love Lady
J L Healon	Lenoir
N H Kaylor	"
CARTERET.	
Dr. E L Perkins, elder,	Newport
John Rumley, Elder,	Beaufort
CASWELL.	
Solomon Lea, elder	Leasburg
CATAWBA.	
Dr. A A Sherrill	Denver
Jordan N Payne	North Brook
David E Warlick	Jacob's Fork
Robert Helton,	"
COLUMBUS.	
F B Andrews	Cerro Gordo
James Fort	Fair Bluff
CHATHAM.	
Jonas Stuart	Martha's Viney'd
J W Cotton, deacon	Merry Oaks
Lewis Phillips, elder,	Harper's X Roads
Wilson Atwater, elder,	Snipes' Store
William Snipes, elder,	Bellevoir
L Burnett,	Pittsboro
Isaac N Mann,	"

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
CLEAVELAND.	
J T Hoyle,	Camp Creek
Dr. B F Dixon,	King's Mountain
L L Smith,	Shelby
N H Haynes	"
J A Lee	Holly Bush
Josiah Morris	Gardner's Ford
Robert Ledford, deacon	
W M Swafford	Knob Creek
R M Hoyle	Holly Bush
CRAVEN.	
J A Suydam, elder,	Newbern
David W Porter	Swift Creek
CUMBERLAND.	
Love Culbreth	Blockersville
DAVIDSON.	
Joseph Miller, deacon,	Salem
J W Burton	Thomasville
DARE	
H S Scarborough, licentiate,	Kennekeet
P M Farrow	The Cape
G L Fulcher	Hatteras
DAVIE.	
A K Murchison	Smith Grove
Vincent Walker,	Calahan
Daniel Potts	Shady Grove
Jacob Sheek	Smith Grove
FORSYTHE.	
P H Joyner, elder,	Winston
S D Franklin elder,	"
John Alspaugh, elder,	Mt Tabor
James E Petree	"
J B Doub	Vienne
J H White, elder,	Salem
S Long, elder	"
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THE NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE met in 13th Annual Session, in Edenton St. Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C., 3, P M., July 20th, 1882. John W. Heptinstall, first Vice-President, in the chair. L. Branson, Secretary.

Religious exercises were held by J. W. Heptinstall.

At roll call or during the session the following delegates were in attendance:

R. L. Abernethy, D. D.,
J. W. Heptinstall,
L. Branson,
B. York, D. D.,
W. J. W. Crowder,
W. S. Davis,
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David McNeill,
S. D. Franklin,
H. Farrow,
J. B. Ballard,
B. A. York,

Letters were read from the following Local preachers, containing reports and other matters of interest to the Conference, viz:

Solomon Pool, D. D., Geo. W. Neal, B. F. Dixon, Dr. J. A. Reagan, J. W. Vandiver, Costen Jordan, N. McN. Smith, J. W. Heptinstall, B. F. Long, D. D., Alex. Walker, J. B. Floyd, James H. Tart, F. B Andrews, Amos Gregson, A. N. Betts, S. D. Franklin, B. York, D. D., R. L. Abernethy, D. D., J. M. Watson, David McNeill, J. J. Johnson, J. B. Ballard, Joshua Johnson, N. M. Ray, P. M. Farrow, W. H. England, T. D. L. Smith, James Minish, A. F. Atkins, E. A. Bobbitt, W. S. Davis, W. P. Williams, James Bickett, F. R. Kaylor, M. D. Giles, Dr. E. L. Perkins, P. H, Joyner, N. H. Guyton, Geo. L. Fulcher, W. S. Gibbs, Solomon Lea, R Washburn, Lewis Phillips, R. M. Stafford, Hardy Sanders.

Written reports were read fron various other ministers, also fraternal, correspondence from D. H. Wheeler, D. D., J. P. Newman, D. D., of New York, C. H. Marshall, D. D., of Vicksburg, Miss., Isaac P. Cook, D. D., of Baltimore, and Dr. W. R. Monroe, Baltimore.

President Abernethy not having arrived, his opening address was read by the Secretary as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren of the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference:

In compliance with article 3, section 2, of the constitution of this religious organization, I propose to give you as my annual address a paper upon the subject of "The Local Ministry." This subject, so unrestricted in its verbiage, and so indefinite in its application, opens a wider field for discussion than my pen can possibly canvass, or your patience bear to hear recited. I shall, therefore, confine my remarks to one or two special features of the subject, hoping that at some future day brethren of a wider range of thought and of more extended historic knowledge will unfold this subject in all its possible dimensions, and give to this worthy, laborious, sacrificing class of ministers the honors to which they are justly entitled.

The phrase "local minister," in its literal meaning, applies to every stationed preacher of every Christian denomination in the world, so that in this sense every Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist or Episcopal minister who has charge of a single congregation and resides all the while at one place, is a "local preacher."

In this sense, too, every stationed minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, either North or South, is a "local minister."

The meaning, however, of this phrase among Methodists would be more correctly expressed by the words a non-paid assistant pastor; that is a preacher, not without a flock; for all people to whom he preaches are his flock; but a man called of God and commissioned in the court of heaven to preach the gospel to dying sinners wherever he can find them. This is the correct meaning of "local minister" according to our discipline.

The position I assume upon this subject is, that this class or distinction of ministers is necessary, reasonable, Providential and Scriptural; and that, in the discharge of their proper ecclesiastical function, which is to preach the gospel, they are entitled to as full and hearty a recognition by all the church as are the Bishops in their cabinets, the Presiding Elders in their districts, or the itinerants in their circuits.

The dignity that belongs to the Christian ministry arises from the call to preach the gospel of Christ, and not, as some of our good brethren seem to imagine, from the appointment to a pastorate. The call is from God, and makes the man His vicegerent on earth; the pastorate is from man, and can be changed by ecclesiastic law to suit the mutations and circumstances of time. Yea, the pastorate may be entirely suspended by church law if a necessity demands it; but no ecclesiastical power or authority on earth can annul my call or right to preach the gospel, so long as I am faithful in the service of the Master. To attempt such a thing would involve a most fearful responsibility.

This mode of reasoning, then, if legitimate, proves the inalienable right of every true local minister in the Methodist Church, either North or South, to demand of the whole Church and even of the world a respect in keeping with the dignity of his calling; and other things being equal, I mean literary attainments and social culture, his self-respect

and dignity are not a whit below that of any other class of ministers in the Church.

To argue the contrary of this position would be to confine every itinerant preacher to the same circuit during his entire ministry; while, at the same time it holds in higher estimation the arrangements and plannings of man than it does the callings and appointments of God.

In the position above assumed I have said that the local ministry, as a class of preachers, is an absolute necessity in our church. In proof of this assertion, I appeal to the well authenticated facts of church history. Mr. Wesley, in the beginning, laboring as he was under the strict regime of the established Church of England, strove to suppress the first outcropping of this seeming irregularity of ministerial action. But like a smouldering fire, extinguished or controlled in England, it burst out afresh in America; and while the regular ministry were searching among the rubbish of ecclesiastic customs and rights to light their gospel matches at God Almighty's altar, Philip Embury, Robert Strawbridge, Capt. Welsh, a Mr. King and others were flying through the cities of New York, Baltimore Town and the State of Pennsylvania with burning torches of gospel light, and thus it was that Methodism blazed out upon these shores. These men being full of the Holy Ghost, felt the fire burning in their bones, and were ready to adopt the language of our Lord, with only a slight change: "If we hold our peace, immediately the stones would cry out." They went forth irrespective of strict ecclesiastic order, as a necessity in Christ's spiritual kingdom. Wesley was compelled to recognize this necessary element in the church, and sent over Asbury and others in order to bring the established Church up to this new front departure, not to bring back the departure to the Church. This necessary class still exists in our church, and is the seed garden from which are annually transplanted the itinerants, elders and bishops into the regular pastorates.

If we admit the necessity of this class of ministers, we have at once acknowledged the reasonableness of their existence; for nothing necessary and tending to good can be less than reasonable.

That this class of irregular ministers was Providential is shown in the very fact that they are outside of the regular paid pastorate. God, ever merciful and beneficent to all his creatures, has always, in his Providence, raised up, at the required time, the very influence best adapted to the want of every age. When the wants of the fifteenth century demanded a new world for the oppressed and persecuted saints of God scattered among the hierarchies of Europe, the hand of a beneficent father is seen bringing into action the exact influences and elements to supply that demand. A hardy race of adventurers have just come upon the field of action; a mariner's compass has just then been invented; a daring navigator, filled with the impulse of adventure, appears upon the scene, and a new world is discovered. Likewise, the great Protestant Reformation, the origin of Missions, the Declaration of American Independence, the rise of Methodism, are all Providential arrangements that were evolved in the wisdom of God out of the exigencies of time. It only remains for me to show that this class of gospel ministers is scriptural.

In all the history of past dispensations, the Patriarchal, Mosaic, or Jewish, and the Christian, laymen or working people have been called and chosen of God as ministers for specific and special service. Noah, the great ark builder, was a local preacher for one hundred and twenty years. He followed a secular occupation while he preached righteousness to the antediluvian world. Abraham, the friend of God and father of the faithful, was a local preacher, as well as a herdsman. Israel's greatest king, though engaged in controlling the affairs of a mighty government, yet sang and shouted the rpraise of God while he "preached righteousness in the great congregation." The great Prophets in Israel were not members of the Levitical priesthood, nor were they trained in the regular schools of the Prophets, yet they were local ministers in the Church of the living God. Amos was a herdsman and a gatherer of sycamore fruit. The prophet Daniel was prime minister of the vast Babylonian empire, and yet he exercised himself in the ministration of holy things. Under the Christian dispensation Christ first selected twelve laymen from the secular callings to be his Apostles. These labored and preached the gospel of their Master. Paul, the great Apostle of the Gentiles, was a tent-maker, He declares that he and his associates worked with their own hands day and night that they be not chargeable to others.

Professor Guericke, in his Church History says: "Christianity has no sacerdotal caste of persons from whom alone the incumbents of its sacred office must be chosen. All believers in Christ become by baptism and the Holy Ghost a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, and all of them are immediately united with Christ, the Eternal High Priest, and only head of the Church. It was owing to this universal priestly character of all Christians, that some of those functions which were afterwards called "clerical" were not discharged by a clerical class in the Apostolic age, so marked by its large and loving mental freedom. Each and every believer, for example, if so inclined, was at liberty according to his gifts and graces, to co-operate in word or deed for the common edification."

There was a variety of authorized colaborers in the church in the Apostle's day; for he says, "God hath set some in the church first, Apostles, secondly, prophets, thirdly, teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversity of tongues." And yet there was only one clerical order in the church at that time, denominated elders or bishops.

We might extend our remarks indefinitely upon this point. Let the above suffice. We are fully satisfied that there always has been a class of these local preachers in the church; and should our economy, ever be so changed as to discard this important element of Christian evangelization in our church, the locks of its secret strength will have been largely shorn.

"It is not boasting to say that the Methodist local preacher is the most important and valuable man in the church. Any other individual member can be better spared, hardly excepting the pastor himself. The local preacher can fill the pulpit and the pew alternately, as occasion may require. He can administer the sacraments and bury the dead. He sustains all the relations

of a pastor to the people of his church, and, on the other hand, he sustains all the relations of a disciple to his pastor. He is a regular attendant upon the services of his pastor, and a liberal supporter of the gospel in his own circuit He is at the prayer-meeting the love feast, the class meeting, the Sunday school, the stewards' and leaders' meeting, and at every other meeting, ready to lead or be led as circumstances may require. He works cheerfully in private r in public in the pulpit or in the pew. He is not behind in any enterprise of the Church. He collects congregations in all out-of-the way places, in wildernesses, in causeways or narrow streets, and preaches Christ to all classes and gets sinners awakened and converted" All these things he does without hope of earthly pay or gain. Tens of thousands of souls are in Heaven to-day, and tens of thousands are in the Church of God, who never would have been there had it not been for the local Methodist ministry in our country.

In conclusion, I do say the Methodist Church in the South will do well to take care of this powerful element of Christian evangelization in her midst; and our General Conference will find it wise in the end to heed the petitions that come up to that body occasionally, calling for proper legislation in behalf of the six thousand local Methodist ministers within her ecclesiastical borders.

Finally brethren, I would advise concert of action among the local ministers of the entire South A petition signed by every intelligent local preacher in the South, should go up to the next General Conference, memorializing that body to legislate in such a manner in reference to our class as to define precisely the status of the local ministry, and to give our class of Christian workers that recognition in the Church that the nature and character of our calling absolutely demand. Nothing less than this will ever unitize the Methodist E Church in America as it should be

May the Great Head of the Church control all things to His eternal praise and glory

Dr. E. A. Yates, W. S. Black, and Joseph H. Wheeler, members of the N. C. Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

The committee on divine services was appointed as follows: L. Branson, R. F. Bumpass, and W. J. Young.

The sessions of the Conference were fixed from 9 to 11, A. M., and from 3, P. M. to adjournment at will.

J. B. Floyd was announced to preach at Edenton street at night, J. B. Ballard at Person street, and Alexander Walker at Brooklyn Mission.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction.

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SECOND DAY—9, A. M.

Conference convened at the appointed hour, R. L. Abernethy in the chair. W. S. Davis conducted religious exercises.

Hezekiah Farrow of Hyde county, A. N. Betts of Apex, and W. S. Davis of Warrenton, reported present and took their seats.

The President announced the following committees:

On Status of Local Ministry—B. York, D. D., W. S. Davis, J. W. Heptinstall.

On Sunday Schools—B. A. York, Alex. Walker. J. B, Ballard.

On Education—B. York, D. D., A. N. Betts, S. D. Franklin.

On Temperance—D. P. Meacham, J. B. Floyd, H. Farrow.

A communication was read from the Baltimore Local Preachers' Association, and made the special order for 3½, P. M.

On motion of Alexander Walker a committee was appointed of one from each P. E's district, to aid the Secretary in perfecting the roll during the present session and before the next annual session. The following were appointed, viz:

C. Jordan, J. M. Watson, W. S. Davis, E. A. Wright, J. B. Floyd, Owen Johnson, Dr. J. A. Reagan, N. McN. Smith, Alexander Walker, R. M. Stafford, Charles M. Cook, W. P. Williams, B. York, D. D., J. F. Butt, N. H. Kaylor.

The Conference adjourned to divine service. Hezekiah Farrow preached.

Neill McN. Smith was announced to preach at Edenton St. at night; Alexander Walker at Person St., and David McNeill at Brooklyn Mission.

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EVENING SESSION.

The Conference met at 3, P. M., N. McN. Smith, vice-president, in the chair. Religious services held by B A. York.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

W. J. W. Crowder, reported present, add took his place in the conference.

Dr. Pool's address was then read by the Secretary, and, on motion of Dr. York, ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, BY SOLOMON POOL, D. D.

The Local Ministers' conference of North Carolina was founded in hearts that yearned for increased efficiency and usefulness in the Lord's vineyard. The first regularly organized and successfully conducted meeting was heldat Durham, N. C., August 26th, 27th, and 28th, 1870. Rev. Brantley York was chosen president, and Rev. L. Branson secretary and treasurer. The number of ministers reported as actually present or represented by letter was thirty-two. This body was styled the Local Ministers' Association (Methodist Episcopal Church South) for North Carolina. Among those present and participating in the exercises of the first meeting were Rev. J. A. McManen and Rev. A. A. Boshamer, both now deceased, but whose memory still lingers among the multitudes they saved and blessed, sweet as the "fragrance of flowers fresh fallen." It was here Mr. Boshamer preached his first sermon. Truly auspicious was the occasion when this gifted, silver-tongued orator of the church first ascended the pulpit and preached Christ and him crucified. Happy the conference that first heard from his lips, now sealed in death the music of that voice which in after years charmed the listening multitudes and won many sinners to the cross.

The second annual meeting was held at Hickory, North Carolina, July 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1871. Rev. Solomon Pool was chosen president, and L. Branson secretary. The number present, or reported by letter,

was 45. In addition to the members of the association, Rev. B. Craven, D. D., president of Trinity College, and others of the North Carolina Conference were present and addressed the conference, expressing their approval and co-operation.

The third annual meeting was held at Franklinton, N. C., July, 1872. Rev. R. L. Abernethy was chosen president, and Rev. L. Branson secretary. There are no printed minutes of this session.

The fourth annual meeting was held at Marion, N. C., July 17, 18 and 19, 1873. Rev. R. L. Abernethy was chosen president, and Rev. L. Branson secretary. At this session a permanent constitution was adopted and the association assumed the name of "The North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference."

The fifth annual meeting was held at High Point, N. C., July 16, 17 and 18, 1874. Rev. P. H. Joyner was chosen president, and Rev. L. Branson secretary. Twenty-six preachers reported an aggregate of 1134 sermons preached during the year, in addition to other clerical labors.

The sixth annual meeting was held at Kinston, N. C., July 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1875. Rev. R. L. Abernethy was chosen president and Rev. L. Branson secretary Twenty-eight preachers reported an aggregate of 1,154 sermons preached during the year.

The seventh annual meeting was held at Rutherford College, N.C., August 17, 18 and 19, 1876. Rev. R. L. Abernethy was chosen President, and Rev. L. Branson secretary. Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina, and other visiting brethren were present and participated in the proceedings of the Conference. In connection with this session a camp meeting was held, resulting in many conversions. Twenty-one ministers reported an aggregate of 754 sermons during the year.

The eighth annual meeting was held at Jamestown, N. C., July 26, 27 and 28, 1877. Rev. R. L. Abernethy was chosen president, and Rev. L. Branson secretary. Thirty-four ministers reported an aggregate of 1,208 sermons during the year. A gracious revival followed this session. Thirty-nine souls were converted.

The ninth annual meeting was held at Charlotte, N. C., July 25, 26 and 27, 1878. Rev. J. W. Heptinstall was chosen president, and Rev. L. Branson secretary. Twenty-eight ministers reported an aggregate of 1,057 sermons during the year.

The tenth annual meeting was held at Clayton, N. C. October 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1879. Rev. J. W. Heptinstall was chosen president, and Rev. L. Branson secretary. This session was followed by a gracious revival, which resulted in thirty conversions. The Sunday school was reorganized and new vitality infused into the church. It was resolved, at this session, that hereafter the Conference shall elect annually two delegates from each Presiding Elder's district to attend the ensuing conference.

The eleventh annual meeting was held at Rutherford College, N. C., July 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1880. Rev. R. L. Abernethy, D. D., was chosen president, and Rev. L. Branson secretary. Of the twenty-four delegates elected, according to the resolution of the last Confer-

ence, nineteen were present. Twenty-nine ministers reported an aggregate of 1,177 sermons preached during the year.

The twelfth annual meeting was held at Rockingham, N. C., July 21, 22, 23, and 24, 1881. Rev. R. L. Abernethy, D. D., was chosen president, and Rev. L. Branson, secretary. Eleven delegates and various other members were reported present. Thirty-one ministers reported an aggregate of 1115 sermons preached during theyear.

From the reports submitted the average number of sermons preached by each local minister has been about thirty-eight per year, or three per month. In addition to this many of these ministers are engaged in the work of education and other honorable and useful secular vocations, and by their own industry earn a support for their families without tax upon the church. They also contribute largely of their means to the support of the regular pastorate. Placing the number of local ministers at 300 the average number of sermons at 38, and the worth of each sermon at $5, and their pulpit services alone are worth, in dollars and cents to the church the sum of $57,000 a year. We may well magnify our holy calling when we remember also the sweet savor of such names as have gone up from our midst to the reward of immortality. Many of those noble laborers were scarcely known beyond their immediate districts. They neither sought nor received the eclat given to the itinerant minister; but their only reward on earth is found in the consciousness of disinterested service faithfully performed. Thousands who now swell the rank of the church militant, and millions of the redeemed who sing the great new song in the skies, were won to the cross by the local ministry. Sweet as the music of the angels come their voices greeting us to day, and bidding us be faithful over a few things, until we be made ruler over many.

The special order was the taken up. Interesting speeches were made by D. P. Meacham, Dr. York, Alex. Walker, J. W. Heptinstall, B. A. York, R. H. Whitaker, J. B. Floyd, A. N. Betts and others.

It was decided to lay the motion on the table, and the secretary was requested to acknowledge in a courteous manner the reception of the communication from the Baltimore Local Preachers Association, and express our warmest sympathy with them in every new departure for the advancement of the Local ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, This conference has learned with regret of the great affliction of Bro. W. P. Williams a member of this conference, in the loss of his wife. Therefore,

Resolved, That we do most sincerely sympathize with Bro. Williams in his bereavement and commend him to our kind Heavenly Father, who will sustain by his grace. J. B. FLOYD.

The secretary read a large number of written reports from all parts of the State, showing the work done, and the good will felt for this conference.

The conference adjourned with the benediction.

THIRD DAY—9, A. M.

The Conference assembled promptly, Dr. Abernethy in the chair. Religious services held by David McNeill.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

D. P. Meacham offered the following which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That every Local Preacher within the bounds of the N. C. Conference, and all others who report to this Conference by letter or in person, the amount of work performed by them during the year, be requested to embody in such report the amount of money contributed by them for the support of the ministry, repairing and erecting churches, Sunday Schools, or for any other church purpose.

Various other written reports were read by the Secretary.

The following letters were read from D. H. Wheeler, D. D., and J. P. Newman, D. D.:

NEW YORK, February 27th, 1882.

DEAR BROTHER—Your warm invitation moves me—but I cannot come. I am to be in Europe at that time, taking a little rest which I much need, after seven years of close application at my desk. Give my christian and fraternal salutations to your brethren. I wish I could be with you. I think the time is come when such a visit might do some good.

Very Truly Yours, D. H. WHEELER.

NEW YORK, February 27th, 1882.

MY DEAR DR. ABERNETHY—I thank you for your polite invitation and would accept it at once, but I expect to sail for Europe in July. Hoping you will have a rich time, intellectually and spiritually, I remain

Yours Truly, J. P. NEWMAN.

The following from the Baltimore Local Preachers' Association was read, at an early stage of the Conference:

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL MINISTERS'S CONFERENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA, GREETING:

Dear Brethren and Fellow-Laborers in the Vineyard of our Lord:—The Local Preachers of the Baltimore Association send greetings to their brethren assembled in the City of Raleigh, N. C., July 20-23, 1882 Without any formal invitation, it would have afforded some of us great pleasure to have visited you during the session of your Convention, if an opportunity had presented itself.

We fully recognize the fact, that we are brethren, having one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, and one work in common. And we believe there is work enough, yea, abundant of work for every Local Preacher in the land if he will only seek it and prosecute it himself in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The needs of the times demand that we and all our Local brethren shall seek a full and persanal baptism of the Holy Ghost upon our hearts, that shall set us all on fire and fill us with a holy zeal to go out and seek to save sinners wherever we may find them. Our duty is to go outside of the church, to carry the gospel and proclaim Christ as a Saviour from sin to all the people who do not go into the church. To be succesful in winning souls to Christ, we must be men full of faith, full of the Holy Ghost, and full of Love. Glory to God! Ours is a full and a free salvation!

We would call your attention to the consideration of a "*New Departure, or Future Policy for Local Preachers*' as published in the New York Methodist of

July 8th, which some of us have felt moved to inaugurate and to advocate for the glory of God.

We hope you will receive a copy of that number, and may be able to read the address during the sessions of your Convention. An editorial notice clipped from the columns of our Baltimore Methodist is hereby enclosed, but the address as published entire will give you the plan

We hope you dear brethren will send a delegation from your body to the ensuing National Local Preachers' Convention which meets in Parkersburg, West Virginia on the third Saturday in October. Had the telegram sent to the National Convention in Washington last year from your body been received earlier or before Parkersburg had been selected, it is more than probable that our National L. P. Convention would have accepted your invitation and met in Raleigh this fall

Praying that God's blessing may rest upon you in all your deliberations, and that a rich baptism of the Holy Spirit may decend upon every one of you and abide with you, for successful work for Christ and precious souls. We remain, dear brethren, yours in the faith and love of our Lord and Sovereign, Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be eternal praise ascribed.

Isaac P. Cook, D. D., *Hon. President.*
W. R. Monroe, M D., *Vice-President.*

Baltimore, July, 18, 1882.

The following report on Memorials was then read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Your committee appointed at the session of our conference last year on "Memorial to the General Conference," beg leave to state that we sent a marked copy of the minutes, soon after issue, to each of our church papers, and in January a statement of the memorial was published in the Raleigh Christian Advocate and a marked copy of the paper sent to each of the other Advocates with a written request to copy. Several of our church papers and some of the northern Advocates published the memorial.

On the assembling of General Conference your committee also sent a marked copy of our minutes to each delegate two hundred and fifty-six in all.

In addition to this we wrote to N. H. D. Wilson, D.D., inclosing a copy of our memorial, with a request that as chairman ofour N. C. Delegation he would present it in a proper manner to the General Conference then about to convene at Nashville.

We here present you a very satisfactory report of the action so far as he is concerned.

Greesnbboro, N. C., July 12th, 1882.

Rev. Solomon Pool, J. W. Heptinstall. L. Branson, Committee.

Dear Brethren:—I regret that my District Conference will prevent me from attending the Local Minister's Conference in the city of Raleigh commencing on the 20th inst.

It would afford me pleasure to meet with you, especially a sufficient length of time to give you a clear understanding of what was done at the late General Conference in reference to the memorial sent to that body by your conference.

You did me the honor to send the memorial to me as the chairman of the North Carolina Delegation, with the request that I should present it to the General Conference. It afforded me pleasure to comply with your request.

On the second day of the session I presented the memorial to the General Conference and had it referred to the standing committee on Itinerancy. I believed THEN and believe NOW that this was the proper committee to consider the question involved. That committee however, took a different view of the matter and returned the memorial to the conference with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Revisals, which was accordingly done. It is known to those who are familiar with General Conference work that the Committee on Revisals is over burdened by the great amount of work committed to it by the conference. This was one of the reasons why I sought to have the memorial considered by a committee that could give it more prompt attention.

Some days thereafter I drew up a resolution upon the subject of changing the Discipline in reference to the trial of Local Preachers. I signed it myself and procured the signature of two local preachers, and one layman, presented it to the conference, and secured its reference to the same committee that had charge of the memorial. This resolution fully met the wishes of your conference touching the trial of Local Preachers.

Some five or six days afterwards the committee on revisals submitted its report No. 10 which contained among other matter, its action upon the "memorial from the Local Ministers' conference of North Carolina." While this report was not made as promptly as I had hoped it would be, and did not meet my views of what the law should be, I had not the least doubt that the member of that committee from our conference had given the memorial proper attention, and that the committee had acted according to its best judgment in the premises. I gave special attention to the report, ready as soon as it could be reached under our rule to offer and advocate such an amendment as I desired. Our rule required us to take up the reports of committee in the order in which they were made to the conference. I believe that had this report been reached and considered, and a fair discussion had the amendment which I had prepared would have been adopted and the law changed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Finding on the last day of the session that there was no chance to reach this report in regular order, I moved to suspend the rule in order to take up and consider so much of report No. 10 of the committee on revisals as refered to the trial of Local Preachers. Such was the impatience of the body to adjourn, and the desire of many to reach questions in which they felt special interest, that I failed to secure the suspension of the rule. With this failure ended all hope of obtaining the desired legislation during the session.

I have taken the pains to make this explanation in detail, so that, our local brethren may see that the traveling ministers who were in the delegation from North Carolina did what we could to secure the desired change. I regard this statement the more proper in view of the fact that I have read and heard of criticisms upon the delegation that I must think would not have been made if the parties making them had taken the pains to watch the efforts made by us, even as these efforts were noted by the "Daily Advocate," that VERY IMPERFECT medium through which to learn what was done in the General Conference.

I have spoken of my own connection with the matter, not to claim

any more interest in it than the other delegates felt, but because of my special relation to it, growing out of the fact that you committed the memorial to me. I feel that it is specially due to the member of our delegation who had been adversely criticised on account of his views and former action, to say that he promptly informed me that he would offer no opposition to the wishes of the memorialists for the repeal of the present law.

In conclusion I wish simply to add, while I will not attach blame to any member of the General conference in this matter, simple justice requires me to communicate to you the FACT, for the reflection of the local brethren; that while they had given notice of their wishes to the church generally, and while I called attention to the matter several times during the session of the General Conference, and while there were a number of local preachers of marked ability in that body,— so far as I can remember NO LOCAL PREACHER either approached me privately, to express his interest in the question, or uttered one word of endorsement of it upon the General Conference floor! I hope our dear brethren of the local ministry will give us some explanation of this seeming indifference before they feel at liberty to suspect us of the itenerancy, and especially before they publish their complaints of us in the newspapers. Let us all feel and say, "we be brethren." Our beloved methodism has always used and now needs all the labor of all her ministers. Our ministry is ONE. Let us by love and charity keep it united.

Trusting that you may have a pleasant and prosperous session, I am, most respectfully and affectionately, you brother in the gospel of Christ.

N. H. D. WILSON.

This conference will allow us to suggest that we think, while done with the best motive on the part of Dr. Wilson, yet the reference of the memorial to the committee on "itinenancy" was a mistake, inasmuch as it delayed, action and aided in defeating the petition.

While we do not think the defeat of our memorial should be attributed to the itinerant part or to any class of General Conference Delegates, yet, by not discussing the proposed repeal in our public journals, we failed to fully impress the methodist public as to what was right and necessary for Local Preachers.

Immediately after the General Conference of 1878, our conference at Charlotte was ready to enter the public jounals in fair discussion against the action on "trial of Local Preachers. The editor of the ADVOCATE (our organ) and also nearly all our ex-delegates to the General Conference advised that in the interest of peace, we say nothing; that our grievancies would undoubtedly be redressed at Nashville in 1882

In deference to older, and as we hoped wiser counsel, we did abstain from public discussion, and contented ourselves with placing a decided protest on our minutes, and repeating that protest each year following. We should also state that another difficulty in reaching our local brethren is that their names are nowhere recorded in the minutes of any of our conferences, hence we cannot readily communicate with each other.

In conclusion, your committee would suggest that this conference should, through conference action, and by its individual members, for the

The Financial Secretary's report was read and approved unanimously as follows:

L. Branson, Financial Secretary,

To N. C. Local Ministers' Conference. Dr.

To amount received of	collection at Rockingham,		$ 8 10
"	"	G. W Neal,	1 00
"	"	R. M. Stafford,	1 00
"	"	A. N. Betts,	50
"	"	J. W. Heptinstall,	5 00
"	"	S D. Franklin,	1 00
"	"	Mrs C J. Cotton,	25
"	"	J M. Watson,	1 00
"	"	James Minish,	1 00
"	"	A. J. Atkins,	1 00
"	"	James M Watson,	2 00
"	"	E A Bobbitt,	1 00
"	"	Dr. E.L. Perkins,	1 00
"	"	P H Joyner,	1 00
"	"	N. H. Guyton,	1 00
"	"	George L. Fulcher,	1 00
"	"	Neill McN. Smith,	3 25
"	"	W S. Gibbs,	50
"	"	Solomon Lea,	50
"	"	R. Washburn,	1 00
"	"	H. Sanders,	1 00
"	"	J B. Floyd,	1 00
"	"	H. Farrow,	2 00
"	"	R. L. Abernethy,	1 00
"	"	W. S Davis,	1 00
"	"	B. A. York,	50
"	"	Alex. Walker,	1 00
"	"	David McNeill,	1 00
"	"	R. H. Whitaker,	1 00
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The following report on Sunday Schools was read and unanimously adopted:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report:

We are fully convinced that Sunday schools are an important means of grace, since it is much easier to prevent the formation of bad habits than to cure them after having been formed, and that good impressions made upon the minds of children and the young, are much more lasting than those made upon those of riper years; therefore, we are firmly of the

opinion that it is the duty of all religious bodies. and all individuals, to endeavor to extend and foster this growing institution in the church.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That we, as members of the N. C. Local Ministers' Conference do all that we can, consistent with our respective vocations, to establish Sunday Schools where they have not been established, and lend the most efficient aid in our power in carrying them on where they have already been formed, and that we will as frequently as may be convenient, preach to the congregations which we serve on the subject of Sunday Schools, and that we heartily endorse all movements, such as State and County conventions, to promote the interest of Sunday Schools, which are of vital importance to the interest of the Church.

B. A. York.
Alex. Walker, } Com.
J. B. Ballard,

A letter was read from Rev. F. B. Andrews recommending that this Conference form a Mutual Society after the order of the United Brethren Mutual Aid Society.

On motion, R. H. Whitaker, D. P. Meacham and L. Branson were appointed a committee to examine into the matter and report at next Conference.

Verbal reports being called for,

D. P. Meacham, reported that he has aided his pastor and is largely engaged in Sabbath School work.

B. A. York, reported having worked in the Sabbath School in addition to his regular work as a teacher in New Salem High School—feels that he has accomplished good, and hopes to accomplish more another year.

Alex. Walker, reported as follows—generally has had three regular appointments—has labored much with and for his pastor—many revival meetings were held—many converted, one hundred or more—3 Sabbath School talks, 3 temperance speeches, 30 or 40 prayermeetings—preached about 60 sermons—established a weekly appointment in the surburbs of Durham—has held experience or class-meetings.

B. York, D. D., reported some 20 Lectures delivered during the year, he has established the New Salem and Randleman High School—has worked hard but has done so cheerfully as always heretofore.

David McNeill, reported as having 2 monthly appointments—40 sermons, 8 prayer meetings; he visits every case of sickness in his range—assists his pastor as much as he desires, and so far as he is able.

H. Farrow, reported a variety of work—has sold 2000 dollars worth of religious books—has sought out the sick—and prayed with them—some were converted happily—has preached about 30 sermons during the year.

W. S. Davis, had 4 regular appointments, last year, and one this year, with Sabbath School work—labors in great harmony with all the pastors near him—loves the work—feels greatly interested in the success of the Local Preachers' Conference.

J. B. Floyd, has labored in unison with his pastor—has taken special interest in Sabbath School work—has 3 regular appointments—visits the sick—has preached some 30 sermons, delivered 1 Sabbath School address—held a 4 days' meeting at which 15 were converted.

The committee on Temperance reported.

R. H. Whitaker, delivered an earnest and eloquent address in advocacy of the report. Dr. York, N. McN. Smith, S. D. Franklin and others also spoke to the Report.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following:

That this Conference is in full sympathy with all Temperance organizations and Temperance workers, and, as individual members thereof, we will do all in our power to promote the good cause and put down the monster evil.

Inasmuch as in union there is strength, and the accomplishment of any purpose depends largely upon concentrated effort, we would urge upon our preachers the importance of preaching temperance sermons, making temperance speeches, and, wherever practicable, of organizing temperance societies, and of encouraging the people to subscribe for and read temperance papers.

In this connection we would recommend the *Spirit of the Age*, published in Raleigh, N. C., by brother R. H. Whitaker, a member of this Conference, as being worthy of the support of temperance people as well as a valuable aid to the church in its effort to educate the people against the use of intoxicants.

D. P. Meacham, J. B. Floyd. } Com.

Report adopted.

R. L. Abernethy reported as follows:

Since last Conference, I have either preached, or attended preaching, every Sabbath except last Sunday. I have held 44 prayer meetings, met the students in Sabbath recitations 32 times; preached 10 funerals; took 15 persons into the church; baptized 14 persons; managed 208 students in the College; have heard 14 recitations per day; and delivered 5 lectures before the Normal School of the State

Conference adjoured with the benediction.

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THIRD DAY 3 P. M.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Dr. Abernethy in the chair.

S. D. Franklin opened the Conference with religious services.

The minutes were read and corrected.

J. B. Ballard, reported his work as that being now a cripple for life, he is unable to work as much as formerly—has preached when he could and feels unabated interest in the master's work—loves the Local Conference and the brethren with earnest affection.

The Committee on Eduation submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report:

We are as thoroughly convinced as ever, of the importance and utility of Education. Education is to ignorance what light is to darkness. Ignorance is a great moral and social evil. Now, since Education removes that evil, it is a great blessing to any community or people. It is therefore, the duty and interest of all bodies and associations among men—in short, it is the duty of all—to promote in every laudable way the cause of education.

Resolved, Therefore, that the Conference of Local Ministers is alive to the cause of education and will as far as practicable sustain the institutions of learning among us, especially those under the control of our own Church, such for instance, as Trinity College, Greensboro, and Davenport Female Colleges, Rutherford College, Cary High School and New Salem and Randleman High School; now, since the last three institutions mentioned are under the control of the local ministers exclusively they have special claims upon this Conference.

B. York,
A. N. Betts,
S. D. Franklin. } Com.

Amended and adopted.

The following report on the status of the Local Ministry was adopted by the Conference:

Your committee on the status of local preachers beg leave to report:

That ordained local ministers are of equal right with all other ordained ministers to preach, administer the sacraments, &c., and that they are an integral part of the M. E. Church, South, and as such are justly entitled to the regard of the itinerant preachers, and all members of the Church, and that they have the right as ministers of the M. E. Church, South, to preach in any of the Church buildings belonging to said Church when not conflicting with any of the appointments of the regular pastors of the said Church, and that it is the duty of this class of ministers to aid the pastoral charges and to form societies, and at the proper time, turn them over to the pastoral charge to which they properly belong. And, as the great object of both classes of ministers, is to advance the Kingdom of our common Saviour and to save the souls of men and women, there should be perfect harmony in action and that anything that would tend to destroy this harmony should be carefully avoided. All of which we respectfully submit.

B. York,
W. S. Davis,
J. W. Heptinstall, } Com.

The election of delegates for the Conference of 1883 was had and resulted as follows:

Raleigh District—R. H. Whitaker, J. B. Floyd.
Hillsboro District—W. H. Thompson, Alex. Walker.
Greensboro District—S. D. Franklin, W. A. Brame.
Salisbury District—Dr. P. C. Jurney, A. K. Murchison.

Statesville District—Dr. A. A. Sherrill, J. L. Healon.
Shelby District—W. C. L. Killian, F. R. Kaylor.
Charlotte District—W. P. Williams, Thomas W. Kendall.
Fayetteville District—David McNeill, Lewis Phillips.
Wilmington District—Owen Johnson, James Craig.
Newbern District—W. H. Cuninggim, George W. Neal.
Warrenton District—W. S. Davis, B. F. Long, D. D.
Washington District—H. Farrow, B. F. Hearne.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of officers which resulted as follows:

President.....Solomon Pool, D. D.
First Vice President,.....W. S. Dayis.
Second Vice President,.....D. P. Meacham.
Third Vice President,.....B. A. York.
Financial Secretary,.....L. Branson.

R. L. Abernethy, D. D. and L. Branson were elected delegates to the National Local Preachers' Association to assemble in Parkersburg, West Virginia, in October, 1882.

The Secretary read the following:

WRITTEN REPORTS.

Hardy Sanders, L. E., sends his contribution of $1.00 to the minute fund, and regrets his inability to attend the Local Conference.

R. M. Stafford, L. D., has had four regular appointments; preached upward of 75 sermons, has baptized 9 persons, taken 13 into the church, and organized 1 church—regrets being detained from the Conference—asks the prayers of the brethren and prays for the success of the Conference—sends $1.00 on minute fund.

Lewis Phillips, L. E. has had four regular appointments, preached 60 sermons and held 30 prayer-meetings—is busily engaged as a Local Preacher—has good congregations, and sees good being done—prays for success of the Conference.

R. Washburn, L. D., has had one regular appointment, preached 7 sermons—can not come to Conference but sends $1.00 on minute fund.

Solomon Lea, L. E., though in feeble health has had appointments every sabbath—has delivered a number of S. S. addresses, and occasionally held prayer-meetings in the absence of the pastor. Encloses 50 cents for minute fund and hopes for the success of the Conference.

W. S. Gibbs, L. D., has had 4 regular appointments, has preached 150 sermons, organized 5 Sabbath Schools, held 6 prayer-meetings, baptized 18 persons and received 12 into the church; sends 50 cents on minute fund and regrets being unable to attend Conference.

N. McN. Smith, L. E. has had 4 regular appointments, has preached

44 sermons, held 1 prayer-meeting, baptized 1 person, and received 7 into the church: contributes $3.25 on minute fund.

George L. Fulcher has had 2 appointments in each month, has preached 30 sermons, reports the local preachers of his section as doing good work, they are building a new church near the central part of Cape Hatteras; will be glad to have some contributions from brethren in other parts of the State; sends $1 on minute fund.

N. M. Guyton L. P. has had 4 regular appointments; has preached 100 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School, held 10 prayer-meetings and received 20 into the church; has had good congregations and a number of conversions, and many revived; prays God's blessings on the Local Minister's Conference and sends $1 on minute fund.

P. H. Joyner, L. E. has had no regular appointments, owing to age and infirmity; has preached occasionally; is 72 years old and feels that he is living on borrowed time; is in feeble health; feels great interest in our Conference; does not approve of the non-action of the General Conference; sends $1 on the minute fund.

Dr. E. L. Perkins, L. E. has preached 15 sermons, held numerous prayer-meetings, married 6 couples, delivered 5 S. S. lectures; has been engaged as superintendent of Newport Sabbath School and had fine success; writes much for the religious press; sends $1 for minute fund.

M. D. Giles, L. P. has preached 34 sermons, held 5 prayer-meetings, and makes himself generally useful as assistant pastor.

F. R. Kaylor, L. E. has had 6 regular appointments; has preached 48 sermons, organized 3 sabbath schools, baptized 13 and received 2 into the church; is employed on the South Mountain Miss on as a supply; feels much interest in our Conference; sends $1 on minute fund.

W. P. Williams, L. P., of Davidson College, writing from Mt. Airy, July 17th, 1882, says: I had anticipated a very pleasant time with you till Monday last. While driving near this place my horse ran with me, threw me out of my buggy and hurt my right knee and leg so badly that I have not been able to travel since. I am not able to attend Conference, but I pray the blessings of God upon you all. I ask an interest in your prayers. I have tried to preach about 52 sermons since last Conference, held several prayer and class-meetings: I have baptized 8 children; and done all in my power to advance our Dear Redeemer's Kingdom. I regret exceedingly not being able to attend Conference, for several reasons; one of which is I have spent much prayerful labor on a sermon to preach there on *The Unity of the Church.* But I hope that some brother there will give the subject more prominence than I could do if there.

Jamss Bickett, L. E. writes: I would like very much to be with you at Conference and, had I the means, would certainly attend. I have lived my four-score years and the good Lord has greatly blessed me with health, but I can feel that one by one the props that have sustained my strength are failing. Please say to the brethren of the Conference that I do not expect ever to meet them again in this world, but when the Grand

Secretary shall call the roll of the General Conference above, I promise you I will try to be present and answer to my name. Pray for me and God bless you all.

Dr. J A. Reagan, L.E. of Weaverville, of Buncombe County, has had 3 regular appointments, has preached 40 sermons, held 2 prayer-meetings, baptized 4 persons, and received 4 into the church.

E. A. Bobbitt, L. E., being infirm as to health, has not been able to labor as largely as usual; feels a deep interest in the Local Conference; sends $1 for minute fund.

James M. Watson, L. E. has been in feeble health: has preached 8 sermons and baptized 6 persons. He says: Say to my brethren in Conference, "work while it is day," for the time is short. "Quit you like men." My work, whether well done or not, is near the point to "rest." I sometimes feel anxious to do more. The Lord's will be done. I send $3 on minute fund.

A. F. Atkins, L. E. has had 1 regular appointment; does much miscellaneous work, preaching funerals and preaching at camp-meetings; has preached some 50 sermons during the year; is now in his 72nd year; still loves to preach; desires the prayers of the Conference. Sends $1 for the minute fund.

James Minish, L. E. has had 3 regular appointments; has preached 40 sermons, held 15 prayer-meetings and baptized 2 persons; is getting old; expects to die at his post, with the whole armor on, looking for that bright reward that awaits the faithful. Sends $1 for minute fund.

T. L. D. Smith, L. E, has had 2 regular appointments; preached 25 sermons, and held 5 prayer-meetings; is now advanced in years.

W. H. England, L. E., has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 21 sermons, baptised 13 persons and rec'd 3 into the church; regards the Local Preachers as having a special message to the poor—knows of no place this side of Heaven that would be more pleasant to him than the Local Conference.

P. M. Farrow, L. D., has preached 31 sermons, held prayer-meeting occasionally and baptised 2 persons. Owing to age and affliction can do but little, and cannot attend the Conference. Prays Divine blessing upon the Conference.

N. M. Ray, L. E., has Preached about 50 sermons, assisted in 5 protracted meetings, assisted in several prayer and class-meeting; has been engaged nearly every Sabbath, taught 75 pupils in the day school, and has a large Bible-class in the Sabbath school, enjoys religion, and feels like reaching Heaven in the end.

Joshua Johnson, L. D., has had 1 regular appointment and preached 22 sermons, assisted his pastor and held meeting in destitute places, married 3 couple delivered some temperance speeches, and spent much time in visiting the sick—is in full sympathy with the Local Conference.

Jas. B. Ballard, L. E., has had 3 regular appointments, preached 77 sermons, baptized 15 persons and rec'd 12 into the church—held one protracted meeting in destitute place 4 days at which 3 professed—attended 9 protracted and one camp-meetting - desires the prayers of the Conference—is now nearly 80 years old and expects soon to reach home.

David McNeil, L. E., has had 2 regular appointments and preached 40 sermons—has held 8 prayer-meetings and visited the sick far and near—sends $1.00 on minute fund.

A. N. Betts, L. E., has had 1 regular apppointment, preached 21 sermons—baptized 1 and read 3 into the church—sends 50cts on minute fund.

B York, D D, L. E., has had 2 regular appointments, preached 52 sermons and organized 1 S S., besides managing New Salem High School and teaching regularly—has also delivered many lectures on temperance and other subjects.

B. A. York, L. P., has had 1 regular appointment—preached 20 sermons—organized 1 Sabbath School—held 10 prayer-meetings—besides constant labor as a teacher in new Salem High School—sends 50 cents for the minute fund.

F. B Andrews, L. E., has 1 regular appointment, preached about 80 sermons—has delivered 15 Sabbath School Lectures; held 3 prayer-meetings, baptized one person.

W.J W.Crowder, L.P., has had 3 regular appointments, preached 38 sermons, organized 4 Sunday schools,held 18 prayer-meetings—and received 6 into the church—has visited the sick and labored with the poor in and around Raleigh.

Solomon Pool, D. D., L. E., has preached from once to twice each Sabbath for most of the year—was in charge of Edenton street Station a part of the year as a supply—has conducted Cary High School—loves pulpit work better than school work—but circumstances shut him out of the regular work.

The Conference next proceeded to select a place for the annual meeting. F. B. Andrews nominated Lumberton, and S. D. Franklin nominated Winston, and stated that the Quarterly Conference of Winston had extended a cordial invitation.

Winston was selected unanimously, and the time fixed Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in July 1883.

The following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That thanks are returned to the pastor and other itenerants for delicate courtesies extended; also to the president and secretary for courteous ability as presiding and clerical officers. Also to the citizens of Raleigh for kind attentions to the Conferance during our stay.

Resolved, That we again with great pleasure commend our organ, the *Raleigh Chirstian Advocate*, to the hearty support of all the Local Preachers and to the public generally. L. Branson.

Resolved, That we recommend the *Spirit of the Age* edited and published by one of our members as a valuable auxiliary to the temperance work, and would rejoice in its continued success. L. Branson.

On motion Conference adjourned with the bendiction.

L. BRANSON, *Secretary*.

SOLOMON POOL, D. D., *President*.

NOTE.

The following is a portion of the concluding paragraph of the report of Committee on *Memorial to General Conference*, which should have been inserted on page 13:

individual members, for the next four years keep before the public by means of our Religious Press, fair and christian statements of such repeals and amendments, as this conference shall hereafter in a declaration of principles, decide to be best suited to our advancement and to the Glory of God.

J. W. Heptinstall,
Solomon Pool,
L. Branson. } Com.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SEC. 1 This body shall be known as the NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL MINISTER'S CONFERENCE, and shall be governed by this Constitution and such By-Laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the Discipline and usage of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

SEC 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the Gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the Church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Conference shall consist of two Delegates from each Presiding Elder's District, and such other Local Preachers as may be present and recognized by the Conference

The delegates and alternates to this Conference shall be elected each year by this Conference for the succeeding Conference, and any vacancies which may occur during the year shall be filled by the President.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this conference shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC. 2 It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an Annual Address or sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4 The Officers of this Conference shall constitute a Finance Committee, the President being Chairman, which Committee shall direct the application of all of the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The Contingent Fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the Minutes shall be applied annually to the relief of such members and families of the members, as the Finance committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V

This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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COURSE FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

The following course of study prescribed by the College of Bishops for Local Preachers, has been in effect since the first of 1881:

FOR DEACON'S ORDERS,

The Bible—History and Biography.
The Discipline.
Binney's Theological Compend.
Wesley's Sermons on Justification, and on the Witness of the Spirit.

RECOMMEND FOR REFERENCE.

Preacher's Text-Book.
Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary.
Watson's Institutes.
Ruter's Gregory's Church History.
Catechism on Church Government.

FOR ELDER'S ORDERS.

The Biole—Doctrines.
The Discipline.
Manual of Discipline.
Watson's Institutes.
Wesley's Sermons.
Smith's Elements of Divinity.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE.

Paine's Life of McKendree.
Prelatical Succession Examined.
Watson's Life of Wesley.
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Clarke's Commentary.
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N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE FOR 1883.

The North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference met in 14th Annual session, in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Winston, N. C., at 10 o'clock A. M., July 19th, 1883. W. S. Davis, first Vice President in the chair, L. Branson, Secretary.

W. S. Davis conducted religious services, after which he delivered appropriate opening remarks.

During the Conference the following delegates reported present:

W. S. Davis,	S. D. Franklin,	W. H. Thompson.
R. H. Whitaker,	J. J. Setliff,	John Alspaugh.
L. Branson,	B. York, D. D.,	B. A. York,
James E. Petree,	W. A. Brame,	J. H. White,
Solomon Pool, D. D.,	W. P. Williams,	Solomon Lea.
Dr. J. P. Nicholson,	J. C. Mock,	J. B. Doub.

C. C. Dodson and T. H. Pegram of the N. C. Conference were present.

On motion C. C. Dodson, S. D. Franklin and J. A. Bowles were appointed a committee on divine services.

On motion of R. H. Whitaker the sessions of the Conference were fixed at $8\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock A. M. and adjourn at $10\frac{1}{2}$ for divine services—meet at 3 P. M., and adjourn at will.

On motion of R. H. Whitaker fifteen minutes were spent in singing and prayer.

A telegram was read from Dr. Pool announcing his expected arrival on the 12 o'clock train.

Adjourned with the benediction by the chairman.

3 P. M., THURSDAY.

The Conference was opened with religious services by B. York, D. D. Dr. Pool took his place in the chair.

The minutes were read, corrected and then approved.

Solomon Pool, D. D., B. York, D. D., B. A. York, James E. Petree, W. A. Brame and J. H. White reported present, and their names were entered on the roll of delegates.

Dr. Pool then read his

OPENING ADDRESS.

TO THE LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE AT WINSTON, N. C., JULY, 1883:

In Methodist polity there are two distinctly recognized orders of ministry, the itinerant and the local. Both enter upon their high and holy vocation in response to the same divine call. Both obtain license to preach from the same ecclesiastical court, the Quarterly Conference. Upon both alike rests the burden of souls. Both take upon themsleves the same ordination vows, and receive from the lips of the same Bishop the sacred charge, "Take thou authority to preach the word of God, and to administer the holy sacraments in the congregation." Both preach the same doctrine in the same pulpit to the same flock. Both commune at the same altars and administer the same ordinances according to the same rites. Both realize alike the powerful Apostolic necessity, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." But the itinerant and local preacher differ from each other in this, that the one submits the choice of his field and mode of labor to Episcopal determination, the other selects for himself. The one is sent, the other goes. Out of this grow some ecclesiastical distinctions which are defined in Methodist jurisprudence.

The ideal Methodist preacher, whether itinerant or local, is a noble specimen of lofty and consecrated Christian manhood. All the characteristics of this ideal may not be found in any one man, but are actually embodied in the best men of both ranks. While I present you the ideal local minister, if I seem to hold him too high, it is that you may be inspired and elevated by beholding him as he is and striving to be like him. True nobility of soul, a plain, simple, unpretending heroism of life, and a quiet adherence to duty in the face of manifold difficulties and much suffering, are his characteristics.

The ideal local preacher understands his "Disciplinary" relations to the church and faithfully discharges his obligations. He is authorized to preach the gospel from our pulpits. It is his duty to do so. According to Bishop McTyeire, "Local preachers 'aid' the itinerant in supplying the people with the ministry of the word; and this is a 'duty' laid down in the discipline. They should regulate their labors in harmony with their pastor's, and according to a systematic plan drawn up by him. The unity of the work must be maintained. They are in a sense his 'helpers;' yet the preacher in charge cannot control the appointments of a local preacher unless they conflict with the plan of the circuit." Recognizing then his duty to preach the gospel, he qualifies himself for this responsible task. He reads the best authors, and especially seeks a familiar acquaintance with all the leading doctrines of Scripture. He makes the Bible his daily companion. From its sacred pages he draws inspiration. He proclaims its grand truths with all his powers. To succeed, he is in many instances required to have a good education. He therefore does not neglect to spend all the time he can spare in literary preparation. But to preach profitably he is conscious that he must be acquainted with the peculiar needs, conditions and tempers of his congregation. He must know where a tender heart is bleeding; where death has entered, or calamity befallen. He must know what special vice is growing, and what words of warning to utter. He must know when Satan is sowing the poisonous seeds in the hearts of the congregation. To

be acquainted with all this requires pastoral visiting. He must enter the chamber of sickness, or bereavement, and seek an ingress into troubled hearts, that he may rightly minister to the people. He must obtain access to the young and careless, or the hardened sinner, that he may be able to win souls. All this the ideal local preacher does.

Then too, he understands that his disciplinary relations to the church impose upon him the duty of administering discipline. Says Bishop Hedding, "It is an erroneous notion that local preachers have nothing to do in executing the discipline of the church If it were so, it would be altogether improper to ordain them. It is true they are not to preside in the trial of members, except when they are called to take the place of the traveling preachers; but this is the smallest and last act of administering discipline. The local preachers, as well as the juniors on circuits and stations, have an important part of this work to do. They should reprove offenders, reclaim wanderers, instruct ignorant persons, settle disputes between brethren, and reconcile contending parties, and thereby prevent apostacies, crimes and expulsions, which in the failure of their care and labor, might scandalize the church, and ruin souls." All this the ideal local preacher finds time to do, in the intervals of secular labor required to support his family.

While he discharges all these "disciplinary" obligations, he forgets not to provide for his own family. Drawing no stipend from the church, he engages in secular pursuits. Often in this field he finds himself competing with a neighbor. This competition in trade or business, lays him liable to unkind feeling on the part of his worldly minded competitors. He is in danger of harsh criticism or unjust aspersions. His reputation is liable to suffer and his usefulness to be damaged. In the midst of all these difficulties and embarrassments, the ideal local preacher pursues the even path of duty, maintains an unsullied character, retains his fair name, and constantly grows in public esteem and ministerial usefulness. Than such a character, the world presents no grander specimen of Christian manhood.

The ideal local preacher remembers his ordination vows and performs them. He gives "faithful diligence, always so to minister the doctrines and sacraments, and the dicipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded." He is ever "ready with all faithful diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word, and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole within his charge, as need shall require, and occasion shall be given." He is "diligent in prayers, and in reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh." He is "diligent to frame and fashion himself, and his family, according to the doctrine of Christ; and to make both himself and them, as much as in him lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ." He "maintains and sets forward, as much as in him lieth, quietness, peace, and love, among all christian people, and especially among them that are committed to his charge." He reverently obeys his chief ministers, unto whom is committed the charge and government over him; following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, submitting himself to their godly judgments."

And while the burden of all these high and sacred obligations rests upon him, he also must feed and clothe a dependent family and educate his children. The cry of souls about to perish rings in his ears, and at the same time the home-call for food and shelter demand his care. With his left arm he bears up the loved ones who cling to him around the domestic circle, while with his right he wields the "sword of the Lord and of Gideon."

Such are some of the characteristics of the ideal local preacher. They are to be found embodied in the local ranks. Can a like class of unselfish, consecrated Christian ministers be found elsewhere? Can such labors be too highly commended? Can we not "magnify our office?" We offer it in no spirit of complaining, but is this class of ministers duly appreciated? Are their labors justly accredited?

Itinerant Methodism, as a system, has been a grand success. It is a simple

complexity combined with a complex simplicity. It is a protoplastic ecclesiastical microcosm. It has been most eminently suited to the needs and conditions of the times in which it has flourished. No religious organization has been so fruitful of grand results. But symtems well suited to one generation may fall out of harmony with another. They are liable to grow effete. To avoid this they must keep abreast with the advancing ages, and be so modified as to meet the fresh demands.

The tendency of Methodism is towards congregationalism. The itinerant ministry is rising into the local. In some instances churches openly express their choice of pastors, and it has been intimated, whether juslty or unjustly, that sometimes the pastor or Presiding Elder virtually selects or controls his own appointment. This may be well, but it goes far towards blotting out the line between the itinerant and local ranks. When the itinerant selects a secular vocation, has no pastoral charge, receives no stipend from the church, and locates in one place, as teacher or editor, is not the line of demarkation between him and his local brother rather a distinction than a difference?

And yet some of the best and most useful itinerants fall within this category.

Then, brethren of the local ministry, let us renew here our covenants, reburnish our spiritual weapons, and go forth with fresh ardor and zeal to fight the Lord's battles against Satan and sin. We form an integral part of the great machinery of Methodism. Our legal relations are clearly defined, and our responsible duties are firmly imposed. The white and nodding harvest fields are bowing and beckoning to us for our sickles. The memory of the sainted dead, gone up from our ranks, full of fruit and ripe for heaver, still lingers among the churches and inspires us.

"They have fought a good fight, they have finished their course, they have kept the faith," they wear their crowns. It is said that marvellous legends of Marathon attribute to the heroes in that battle prodigies of valor. Theseus and Hercules are represented as sharing in the fight and dealing death to the routed barbarians; and still to this day the superstitious peasant believes the field of Marathon to be haunted with spectral warriors, whose shouts are heard at midnight, borne on the wind, and rising above the din of battle. But grander heroes than the spectral warriors of Grecian legend are those valliant old soldiers of the Cross who have fought the Lord's battle in the local ranks; and grander shouts than those heard in fancy over the plains of Marathon, have gone up from campground and altar, when the local minister has led the hosts of Israel to victory. Let us take courage and go forth to cheerful service in our holy calling, while the fragrance of such hallowed memories is about us; and while the trumpet of Apostolic exhortation sounds in our ears, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lurcre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Dr. York moved that the address be spread upon the minutes, which was adopted.

Moved by Dr. York that all itinerant brethren present or that many be present be cordially invited to participate in the deliberations of this conference. Adopted.

On motion of R. H. Whitaker it was resolved that to-morrow at 9 o'clock the conference discuss the question of temperance, as to what are the best means to be used by the church, in putting down the iniquitious liquor traffic, and in

educating public sentiment to the high and only safe standard—total abstinence.

W. H. Thompson was announced to preach at night.

Adjourned with the benediction by the President.

8½ A. M. FRIDAY, JULY 20.

The Conference met, Solomon Pool, D. D., in the chair.

Religious services were held by W. A.Brame. The minutes were read,corrected and approved.

R. L. Warlick, P. L. Groom and W. W. Albea of the N. C. Conference, and Rev. F. M. Totten of the Protestant church, being present, were introduced to the Conference.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the resolution on temperance was taken up. Interesting speeches were made by Dr. York, P. A. Groom, W. S. Davis, R. H. Whitaker, W. H. Thompson and others.

Calvin H. Wiley, D. D., Agent of the American Bible Society was introduced to the Conference and the hour of 4 P. M. was designated for an address from him on Bible work.

The Conference then adjourned for divine service and B. A. York preached at 10½ o'clock.

3, P. M., JULY 20.

President Pool convened the Conference promptly.

Divine services by Solomon Lea.

The unfinished business being laid over for the time, Dr. Wiley came forward and delivered an entertaining address on the Bible work, in which he expressed the opinion tha the Local Ministers are in a position to act very efficiently and to accomplish greater good, if possible, than the regular pastors, The Doctor complimented the high and laborious character of the Local Ministers.

W. P. Williams and Solomon Lea reported present and their names were entered on the roll.

The discussion on the temperance question being resumed J. J. Setliff addressed the Conference,

R. H. Whitaker offered the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

As it is the earnest desire of this conference that our people be educated in the principles of total abstinence from the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and especially that the children and young people, connected with the congregations of the Methodist churches of our State may have such influences thrown around them as shall lead them to abhor the liquor traffic and to shun the evils that grow out of intemperance: We, the ministers of the N. C. Local Ministers' Conference assembled, do hereby declare it to be our purpose to make special efforts in the future, in connection with our other regular work to disseminate among our people the principles of total abstinence.

1. In pursuance of which purpose we do hereby resolve ourselves into a society to be known as the North Carolina Local Ministers' Temperance Society.

2. That the pledge of this society shall be as follows: "I solemnly pledge myself that I will abstain from the use of all alcoholic liquors as a beverage so long as I remain a member of this society.

3. That the officers of this society shall be a President, three vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Chaplain.

4. We recommend that every Local Preacher of our church in North Carolina, be requested to organize a branch society of the Conference Society, in each and every congregation served by him, and that he make report at the next sesion of this Conference, the amount of work done by him, in this respect, stating how many societies he has formed, how many temperance lectures he has delivered, and to how many he has administered the pledge.

5. That we do hereby earnestly request all other religious denominations to organize similar Temperance Societies.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the following names were immediately enrolled as members of the Local Ministers' Conference Temperance Society:

R. H. Whitaker,
Solomon Pool, D. D.,
S. D. Franklin,
B. York, D. D.,
W. H. Thompson,
B. A. York,
J. J. Setliff.
J. A. Bowles,
W. S. Davis,
J. H. White,
W. A. Brame,
C. C. Dodson,
T. H. Pegram,
L. Branson,
P. L. Grcom,
Jas. E. Petree,
E. A. Bowles,
S. Starr,
Miss J. Pegram,
Miss M. Hamler,
Mrs. J. Paylor,
W. P. Williams,
Solomon Lea,
J. N. Doub.

The Local Ministers' Conference Temperance Society being then duly formed, the following officers were chosen for the next year:

PRESIDENT—Solomon Pool, D. D.
VICE-PRESIDENTS—W. S. Davis, R. H. Whitaker, R. L. Abernethy, D. D.
CHAPLAIN—B. York, D. D.
SECRETARY—L. Branson.

Verbal reports from various Local Ministers were heard as follows:

VERBAL REPORTS.

W. R. Webb, reported by Solomon Lea as follows, had preached 2 sermons each Sabbath, delivered a number of lectures—organized several Sabbath Schools, held a number of prayer meetings—expresses love to the Conference.

Alex. Walker, reported by Solomon Lea, could not attend, regretted the business causes preventing.

W. H. Thompson, reported only an ordinary amount of general work.

B. York has preached 53 times during the past year, has delivered Sabbath School lectures, has had 1 regular appointment, has done heavy work in Randleman High School.

B. A. York has preached 20 sermons, has labored much in New Salem and Randleman High School, has labored much in the Sabbath School.

W. A. Brame has 2 and 3 appointments, has increased interest and wishes to be more useful another year.

J. J. Setliff has labored to the extent of his strength and ability, preached about 20 sermons, has suffered yet has grown in grace and rejoices amid affliction.

W. S. Davis has had regular appointments each Sabbath during the year, has aided his pastor, preached several funerals.

J. E Petree has labored earnestly, has had 3 regular appointments, has attended revivals, baptized 2 infants, is in full sympathy with our Comference and the work of the Local Ministry.

Solomon Pool, has been teaching, has labored in Teachers Institutes, has averaged 2 sermons each Sabbath, has moved to Asheville, has been called to much work in our own and other churches; feels that he is growing in grace as he nears the kingdom.

Adjourned with benediction by President Pool.
W. P. Williams was announced to preach at night.

8½ A. M. SATURDAY,

Dr. Pool commenced the Conference at the appointed hour. Opening services were held by W. H. Thompson.

The minutes were read, corrected and then approved.

J. C. Mock, J. B. Doub and J. P. Nicholson reported present, and their names were entered on the roll of delegates.

Under the head of "plans for increased usefulness," W. A. Brame delivered an appropriate address especially looking to the increase and efficiency of lay workers.

The following resolutions on church literature were unanimously adopted:

Resolved 1, That we heartily endorse our church literature generally—that we do all in our power to have it circulated and read by our people; and that we recommend the continuance of the Raleigh CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE as the organ of this Conference.

2. That we request our journalistic publishers generally to pay more attention to bringing our peculiar church doctrines prominently before our people.

3. That we will urge the people everywhere to subscribe to the temperance paper, *Spirit of the Age*, published by Bro. R. H. Whitaker, and the *Temperance Messenger* by Dr. York & Son.

W. S. DAVIS,
W. H. THOMPSON,
J. E. PETREE.

4. That we, the Local Preachers of the State of North Carolina, appreciate the great value of education, and that we will labor for those schools and colleges which are under the control of our own church, recognizing at the same time the special claims of those institutions which are under the exclusive control of the Local Ministers.

W. S. DAVIS,
W. H. THOMPSON,
J E PETREE.

Rev. J. N. Johnson, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church was introduced to the Conference, and tendered the hospitalities of the body. J. J. Setliff was announced to preach at 10½ o'clock.

The Conference adjourned for Divine services.

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3 P. M., SATURDAY.

The Conference assembled at the usual time. J. C. Mock conducted the religious services.

The minutes were read, corrected and then approved.

The following offered by B. A. York was unanimously passed.

Resolved, That we are more than ever impressed with the importance and utility of Sunday Schools; since they not only prevent the formation of bad habits but, also, afford the best opportunity for impressing upon the plastic minds of children the elementary principles of our holy religion, and that we will devote ourselves to the fullest extent of our opportunity both in the formation and maintainance of Sabbath Schools within our sphere of operation.

B. A. YORK,

R. H. Whitaker, chairman of committee on co-operative insurance, reported no progress for want of proper information and asked for the committee to be relieved.

The Conference discharged the committee.

The following was passed without one dissenting voice as follows:

WHEREAS this Conference has usually embraced the 4th Sabbath in July and is appointed twelve months in advance, and whereas the District Conferences some times conflict,

Resolved That we earnestly and effectionately request our P. Es. not to appoint any District Conference at the same time.

On motion the following delegates were elected for the next Conference:

RALEIGH DISTRICT—D. P. Meachan, J. B. Floyd.
HILLSBORO DISTRICT—I. N. Mann, Alex. Walker.
GREENSBORO DISTRICT—S. D. Franklin, J. H. White.
SALISBURY DISTRICT—Isaac M. Shaver, C. Plyler.
STATESVILLE DISTRICT—Dr. J. P. Nicholson, W. P. Williams.
SHELBY DISTRICT—Dr. B. F. Dixon, R. L. Abernethy, D. D.
CHARLOTTE DISTRICT—Elias Overcash, S. R. Trawick,
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Robert S. Ledbetter, Neil McN. Smith.
WILMINGTON DISTRICT—S. H. Guyton, J. W. Criag.
NEWBERN DISTRICT—W. H. Cuninggim, W. G. Neal.
WARRENTON DISTRICT—B. F. Long, D. D., W. S. Davis.
WASHINTON DISTRICT—Hezekiah Farrow, C. M. Cook.
HOLSTON DISTRICT—Dr. J. A. Reagan, J. W. Vandiver.
ALBEMARLE DISTRCT—W. W. Kennedy, J. S. Chatman.

The order of business for fixing the time and place for the next Conference being taken up, Lumberton, Laurinburg, Rutherford College and Asheville were put in nomination and the merits of the respective places were fully discussed. A majority voting on Dr. Pool's motion, Asheville was selected as the place for the meeting of the Conference, on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath of July, 1884.

The standing committee on Memoirs asked to be discharged, which was granted, A new committee was appointed consisting of Solomon Lea, W. P. Williams and W. H. Thompson,

The election of officers, for the ensuing year, was then entered into and resulted as fdllows:

President,.....W. S. DAVIS.
First Vice President,.....W. P. WILLIAMS.

Second Vice President,.....SOLOMON LEA.
Third Vice President,.....W. H. THOMPSON.
Financial Secretary,.....L. BRANSON.

The Financial Secretary's report was read and adopted unanimously.

L. BRANSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY,

TO N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, DR.

To balance from 1882,		$ 4 74
To collection at Raleigh,		3 24
To amount received of	W. S. Davis,	1 00
" "	S. Pool, D. D.,	5 00
" "	Owen Spell,	1 00
" "	J. W. Heptinstall,	5 00
" "	N. McN. Smith,	2 00
" "	F. R. Kaylor,	50
" "	E. E. Smith,	1 00
" "	R. Washburn,	1 00
" "	N. H. Guyton,	2 00
" "	H. Sanders,	1 00
" "	J. W. Craig,	2 00
" "	Solomon Lea,	1 00
" "	Thos. W. Kendall,	2 00
" "	R. M. Stafford;	1 00
" "	H. Farrow,	2 00
" "	J. J. Setliff,	1 00
" "	W. F. Needham,	25
" "	John Alspaugh,	1 00
" "	J. E. Petree,	1 00
" "	W. H. Thompson,	1 00
" "	B. A. York,	50
" "	J. A. Sherrill (per Dr. Pool),	1 00
" "	W. P. Williams,	1 00
" "	W. A. Brame,	50
" "	Dr. J. P. Nicholson,	1 00
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By printing 600 Minutes, 1882	$ 25 00	
By postage on minutes	5 00	
By circulars and envelopes	3 00	
By postage on circulars	3 00	
By hand bills	2 25	
	38 25	
Balance	5 48	
		$ 43 73

WRITTEN REPORTS.

W. P. Williams, L. E., has had 1 regular appointment, preached 50 sermons, held

35 prayer-meetings, baptized 7 persons, received 5 into the church. His whole heart, soul and body are in the service of the Master; sends $1 for the minute fund.

James B. Floyd, L. D., has had 3 regular appointments one of which is at a steam saw mill, preaches to many persons who never go to regularly organized churches; has done what he could in the way of preaching and assisting the pastor; has enjoyed some of the spirit of the Master.

W. H. Thompson, L. E, has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 20 sermons, has not been able to accomplish very much work on account of ill health; hopes to do more in the future.

B. A. York, L.P., has had 1 regular appointment—preached 20 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School, and held 10 prayer-meetings.

B. York, D. D., Local Elder, has had 1 regular appointment, has preached 52 sermon and conducted one prayermeeting.

R. M. Stafford, L. D., has had 3 regular appointments and aided his pastor as opportunity offered—loves the Master's work; sends $1 for the minute fund.

T. W. Kendall, L E., has had 4 regular appointments and averaged 2 sermons per week or over 100 sermons during the year—has preached many funerals and seen many souls converted under his ministry, sends $2 for the minute fund.

Solomon Lea, L. E., has had 4 regular appointments and preached once each week—sometimes twice, and held prayer-meetings in the absence of the pastor—sends $1 for the minute fund.

Sir, *I* am now 76 years old, am not in good health, and my wife was paralized last fall and has been confined ever since, which has caused me to be confined at home, it will be out of my power to come to Conference as I have no way of traveling only horseback, and I am not able to ride that far, and we have no railroad nearer in that direction than High Point and that is 42 miles. I hope you will have a good Conference. I send you my prayers and one dollar enclosed. Your brother in Christ, H. Sanders.

J. W. Craig L. D., has preached 20 sermons, held 18 prayermeetings and baptized 2 persons, is in full sympathy with the Local Minister's Conference, sends $2 for the minute fund.

R. Washburn, L. D., has had one regular appointment, preached 8 or 9 sermons -would be glad to attend the Local Conference; sends $1to the minute fund.

Dear Brethren:

During the past Conference year, I have aided several of the itinerant preachers in their charges in protracted meetings, where God's spirit was greatly poured out in our midst. Besides aiding others in their meetings. I have had some grand displays of God's spirit manifested in several meetings of my own, have had a number of penitents even recently. I have two appointments, at both of which, the attendance is good, and deep interest manifested. At each place we have very interesting Sabbath schools. During the past year I have visited several Sunday schools, aided our Teachers in hearing lessons, given seven Sunday school addresses, visited many of the poor and sick and sung and prayed with them. I have held a number of prayer meetings, also aided in class and experience meetings. Have contributed of my means as far as able to the sick, poor, Sabbath schools, and to the support of the gospel. Have delivered 36 sermons, to the best of my ability, I feel still bright in the cause, and thank God for past favors and mercies.

P. S. I send two dollars to be contributed to publishing of the minutes. My permanent P. O. is Bladenboro, Bladen county, N. C,

N. H. Guyton.

E E. Smith, L.P., has had one regular appointment, is in full accord with the Local Conference—loves the work of the Master—sends one dollar for the minute fund.

F. R. Kaylor, L. D. has averaged 4 regular appointmenis, preached 53 sermons, organized 3 Sabbath schools, held 2 prayermeetings, baptized 27 persons and received 7 into the church; prays God's blessing upon the Conference—sends 50 cents to the minute fund.

Neill McN. Smith, L. E., has had 3 regular appointments, preached 46 sermons and baptized 2 persons; his work in the ministry has been pleasant since our last Conference; sends two dollars to the minute fund.

Owen Spell, L. P., has had 2 regular appointments, preached 35 sermons and received 2 persons into the church—sends one dollar to the minute fund.

H. Farrow, L. E., has preached 25 sermons, baptized 1 and received 1 into the church, assisted in receiving 11 others—expects the reward of the Local Preacher to be a good one—sends two dollars to the minute fund.

W. F. Needham, L. E., has had 2 regular appointments, preached 40 sermons and held a number of prayermeetings; sends twenty-five cents to the minute fund.

LITTLETON, N. C., July 14th, 1883.

DEAR BROTHER BRANSON:—Health so poor I cannot attend our Conference. I hope, however, that you may have a very gracious revival of pure religion. Give my kindest regards to the brethren. I herewith send you five dollars for the minute fund.

J. W. HEPTINSTALL.

To the Brethren of the Local Ministers' annual Conference at Winston, N. C.:

BRETHREN:—I have been greatly afflicted for the past 3 years, and have been unable to work as I desire in the vineyard of the Lord; yet I have kept up one regular appointment at my nearest church; have had good congregations and strict attention, which of course was attended with some good results. The past year I have preached about 20 sermons, attended one protracted meeting, also held one, at my place of preaching; had several penitents, one conversion, 2 accessions to the church, have married several couple, attended many burials, organized one Sunday school, visited the sick, and dying and did all I could to promote the cause of Christ and the principles of Christianity. I submit with cheerfulness to the afflictions sent upon me, and try to bear them with christian fortitude; would be glad (if it was the will of God) if I could do more for the cause of Christ, and for the good of my fellow creatures. Brethren pray for me. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. SETLIFF, L. D.

SMITH GROVE, N. C., June 15th 1883.

DEAR BRO. BRANSON:—My meagre report requires that you be imformed as to the cause. My age is 88 on the 4th past. I am extremely feeble and not able to participate in any active duty in a cause dearer to me than life. My means are so limited tnat I cannot contribute even to so sacred and glorious a cause. I will attendat Winston if my condition permits, and I can obtain means of transportation—never having attended a Local Preachers' Conference it will be a season of great enjoyment to me. Hoping and believing that the good work will grow stronger day by day and that we will all have a season of great refreshing. I remain very truly your aged brother in the Lord.

JACOB SHEEK.

G. F. COLLEGE, July 12th, 1883.

REV. L. BRANSON—DEAR BRO:—Your circular has been received. I have been so constantly occupied with my College duties that I have kept up no regular appointment. Have preached occasionally in the church and College Chapel. I have not been able to do much as a minister, so far as preaching &c., are concerned. Should I not be able to be at the N. C. Local Ministers' Confer-

ence, I hope you will have a pleasant and profitable meeting. I have very little time at my command. Besides visiting District Conferences, You may rely upon my assistance in any way you may desire it.

Fraternally &c., T. M. Jones.

Bliss, N. C., June 27th, 1883.

Rev. L. Branson—Dear Bro:—Your letter received yesterday. I write to inform you that I expect to attend the Conference at Winston, if nothing prevents, also to send you my report of the year's labors, as you have requested. Concerning my report, I wish to state that I have no regular appointment, owing to my age (85th year) and infirmities; have preach 33 sermons and organized 2 Sunday schools. I have no regular home, but live with my children. Have no income or anything of the kind, so I can't send any money to pay expenses of minute fund, &c. Have assisted the pastor in organizing Sunday schools, in protracted meetings, visiting the sick, attending to burial service, &c. Have labored about 63 years, as a local preacher, and this year have done less than ever before, owing to above stated causes. Have averaged over one sermon a week for the last 63 years My labors are about ended and I am just waiting for the summons of my Master, from over the river, where I expect to meet you and all the brethren "by and by." Yours in love,

James Needham.

Kinston, June 27th, 1883.

Dear Brother:—I am in receipt of a circular from you in regard to our Local Ministers' Conference. No Local Minister in the State more heartily approves the effort for proper organization—in the sphere of duty in which God has called us—than I do. Our ministry is certainly one of the strong arms of our church, and is contributing largely, under the providence of God to the cause and progress of our beloved Methodism. It would give me infinite pleasure could I meet with my brethren at Winston, and participate in an occasion of such an enjoyable character, as our Local Ministers' Conference.

I have three regular monthly appointments—also have a regular appointment for every fifth Sunday. I also preach frequently, during the week, at such places as opportunity presents, and am quite often called upon to preach funeral sermons. I not unfrequently lecture on the Sunday School cause, an intereet of vast importance to our church, but largely neglected by our people in the country.

Our usefulness as local mininsters is curtailed no little by the law of the church requiring a four years' probation, so to speak, before the local minister is allowed to administer the sacraments. My own view is, that if God has called me to preach the gospel, then the largest liberty should be given me consistent with aptitude and fitness, and this can be demonstrated in two years as well as in four.

May the mind of Christ be in all the members of the Conference, and the spirit of God direct all its deliberations. Truly, Robt. B. Gilliam.

David McNeill, L. E., has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 30 sermons, organized 1 sabbath school and held 20 prayer-meetings.

Eli Asbury Craven, L. D, has had 3 regular appointments, has baptized 13 persons and received 2 into the church; desires to accomplish all the good he can as a local minister.

James Minish, L. P., has had 3 regular appointments, has preached 35 sermons—is quite old and feeble—feels a lively interest in the Local Conference.

D. A. Lanier, L. P., has had 4 regular appointments has preached 63 sermons, has organized 2 sabbath schools and held 36 prayer-meetings—hopes that the Conference will be well attended and in the spirit of the Master.

J. M. Ashby, L. D., has preached 4 sermons, has been engaged in teaching, at Trinity College—expresses himself kindly toward the Local Conference.

Solomon Pool, D. D., Local Elder, has averaged 2 sermons for each sabbath or over 100 sermons during the year, besides lectures and addresses on various occasions—contributes $5. to the minute fund.

E. A. Wright, L. D., has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 100 sermons and held 10 prayer-meetings; expresses himself kindly toward the Local Conference.

W. A. Brame, L. E., has had 2 regular appointments.

A. M. Long, L. E., has had 2 regular appointments has preached 25 sermons and organized 1 Sabbath school.

NEWBERNE, N. C., Ju'y 12th 1883.

DEAR BRO. BRANSON:—I have a few minutes to say that circumstances will not allow me to be with you brethren in the next Local Ministers' Conference. It would afford me great pleasure, and, no doubt, great spiritual profit to unite with you in the Lord's work. May God bless your labors in the salvation of souls and building up the church of Christ.

My ministerial labors for the year have been devoted to preaching in our church and burying the dead,&c., in the absence of the preacher in charge,and a regular Sabbath school Bible-class of gentlemen, single and married.

With my prayers for Heaven's benedictions upon our Conference, I am in much haste, very truly yours in Christ. G. W. NEAL

MOUNT PROSPECT N. C., July 17th, 1883.

Dear Brethren of the Local Ministers' Conference of N. C.:—As it is impossible for me to attend the Conference, I write to give you my reason. I am entirely prostrate from rheumatism. I have not walked a step nor stood upon my feet in three years, the 1st of next December. God is with me and consoles me under the severe sufferings that I have to endure. My heart is with you brethren but all I can do is to pray that the peace of God which passeth all understanding may be richly enjoyed by the local preachers' Conference and may it increase more and more in usefulness unto the perfect day. Brethren pray for me that I may be able to endure these sufferings for the sake of him who suffered for me.

Yours in the bonds of Christian love, J. E. IRBY.

TROY, N. C., June 24th, 1883.

Dear Brother Branson and brethren of the Local Conference: Since the 1st of July, 1882, to the close of that year, I attended eight protracted meetings and two camp-meetings, and at all these several meetings I preached 36 times. I babtized 3 adults, and received 7 persons into the church. This was at a school house, where I held a meetiug of eight days, having some other help. I preached at this meeting 7 times; we had seven converts and seven joined the church. Numbers were converted at other meetings I attended, many of whom joined the church. I have preached in all, since last July, 45 times.

Brethren, beloved, I love to work in my Master's vineyard; but, with deep sorrow I have to inform you, that since last September I have been without a horse of my own, having lost the one I then had—and as you were apprised at our last annual meeting in Raleigh, having been a cripple for, now, more than seven years, what means I had at the time of being crippled have been exhausted a good while ago; consequently, I have not the means wherewith to buy one, and I find it difficult to borrow; so I am compelled to stay at home, only as I can hobble about on my crutches. I have had no regular appointments since last year. The last appointment I had was to preach a funeral last November, and a good old brother took his horse and buggy and came 14 miles after me, to carry me to preach his sister's funeral, and brought me home again. Since then I have had no appointments—and of course cannot, till I get a horse, and how or when I can get one, I know not. I do most anxiously desire to attend our Conference at Winston, and if I am spared to live and can by any means get conveyance I intend to be there. But of this I have very little hope. But brethren, whether I am, or am not there, pray for me; I love the very name of local methodist preacher, I have been a sort

of Local Babler, since November, 1835, and have been in the Methodist church over 55 years. I came out of a hard shell Baptist family by father's side; mother was a Methodist before she married, but died in the Baptist church and went to heaven when I was a boy, and I am now over four score years of age.

Oh, Brethren, how I do love the name of Jesus! He is precious, I have a lively hope of meeting you, my dear brethren, in the home of the faithful, where we shall see Jusus as he is, and never part again. May this be all our happy lots, to meet in that bright world and live forever with our blessed Master! May the great head of the church pour out of his holy spirit upon the Conference, and abundantly revive his work, and may much good be done in the name of Jesus. Your sincere friend and humble servant.

JAMES B. BALLARD.

James H. Whidbee, L. P., has had 2 regular appointments in each month, has preached 34 sermons and held 15 prayer-meetings, expects to contribute to minute fund another year.

J. A Bush, L. P., has preached 14 sermons and organized 1 sabbath school.

George L. Fulcher, L. P., has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 32 sermons; could not conduct prayer-meetings nor preach at night owing to ill-health. Says, "God bless the Local Ministers' Conference."

W. H. England, L. E., has had 1 regular appointment and preached 30 sermons; has held 2 prayer meetings, baptized 8 persons and received 4 into the church; has passed through great affliction during the year—don't know any place this side of heaven he would rather be than at the Local Conference.

Alexander Walker, L. P., has had 2 regular appointments, and gives all his spare time to surrounding charges; has aided in every work of the church within his reach and ability—has witnessed a number of conversions and enjoys working in the Lord's vineyard. Sends $1, on minute fund.

James H. Tart, L. E, has had 6 appointments, preached 28 sermons, organized 2 sabbath schools, baptized 3 and received 4 into the church. Is working as a supply on wacamaw mission. Prays God's blessings on the Conference.

E. E Smith, L. P., has had 1 regular appointment, has organized 1 Sabbath school, superintended 1 school—feels deep interest in our Conference.

Dr. J. A. Sherrill, L. E., has had 7 regular appointments, has preached 100 sermons, and enjoys the local ministers' work—encloses $1. for minute fund.

A K. Murchison, L. E., has been traveling as a supply on a circuit in Kentucky; feels an interest in the Local Conference and enjoys the Master's work.

The following resolutions were passed by rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Winston for their generous and hospitable entertainment during this session.

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation and thanks to the various churches in Winston for their christian courtesy in opening to us, on Sabbath, their severa places of worship.

Resolved, That thanks are due to our President and Secretary for patient and laborious service during the session.

Resolved, That our Conference is specially indebted to C. C. Dodson, pastor of this church, for many kind and delicate courtesies during the session of this Conferenc.

The Conference then adjourned, with the benediction, to meet in Asheville on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in July 1884.

SOLOMON POOL, *President.*

L. BRANSON, *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SEC. 1. This body shall be known as the NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL MINISTER'S CONFERENCE, and shall be governed by this Constitution and such By-Laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the Discipline and usage of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Confenence shall consist of two Delegates from each Presiding Elder's District, and such other Local Preachers as may be present and recognized by the Conference.

The delegates and alternates to this Conference shall be elected each year by this Conference for the succeeding Conference, and any vacancies which may occur during the year shall be filled by the President.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this conference shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an Annual Address or Sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4. The Officers of this Conference shall constitute a Finance Committee, the President being chairman, which committee shall direct the application of all of the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The Contingent Fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the Minutes shall be applied annually to the relief of such members and families of the members, as the Financial committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

The Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

COURSE FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

FOR DEACON'S ORDERS,

The Bible—History and Biography.
The Discipline.
Binney's Theological Compend.
Wesley's Sermons on Justification, and on the Witness of the Spirit.

RECOMMEND FOR REFERENCE.

Preacher's Text-Book.
Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary.
Watson's Institutes.
Ruter's Gregory's Church History.
Catechism on Church Government.

FOR ELDER'S ORDERS.

The Bible—Doctrines.
The Discipline.
Manual of Discipline.
Watson's Institutes.
Wesley's Sermons.
Smith's Elements of Divinity.

RECOMMEND FOR REFERENCE.

Paine's Life of McKendree.
Prelatical Succession Examined.
Watson's Life of Wesley.
Watson' Sermons.
Clark's Commentary.
Summers on Gospels and Acts.
Wheedon's Commentary.

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Name.	Post Office.
RALEIGH DISTRICT	
W. J. W. Crowder, L.	Raleigh.
F. S. Starrette, L. D.	"
R. H. Whitaker, L.,	"
D. P. Meacham, E.,	"
L. Branson, E.	"
J. H. Burt, L.,	Holly Springs.
A. N. Betts, E.,	Apex.
S. H. Whitaker, L.,	Clayton.
Benj. H. Hester, E.,	Oxford.
W. S. Hester, E.,	"
W. H. Hester,	Louisburg.
T. L. D. Smith, D.,	"
J. W. York, E.,	Oxford
James B. Floyd, D.,	Wilton.
E. A. Bobbitt, E.,	Castalia.
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.	
W. H. Cuninggim, E.,	Hadley's Mills
I. N. Mann,	Pittsboro.
Jonas Stuart	Chalk Level.
W. H. Thompson,	Oaks.
L. E. Thompson, L. D.,	"
Alex. Walker, L.	Durham.
W. R. Webb, E	Roxboro.
Solomon Lea, E	Leasburg.
Wilson Atwater, E.,	Snipes' Store.
J. B. Long, E.	Grove.
John Pogue, E.,	Hillsboro.
GREENSBORO DISTRICT.	
T. M. Jones, D. D. E.	Greensboro
R. M. Stafford, L.	"
A. J. Kirkman, L.	Friendship.
Eli Asbury Craven,	Kemp's Mills
B. F. Coffin,	" "
—— Croom,	Foust's "
R. Gretter,	Moffitts "
Amos Gregson, E.,	Randleman
Prof. W. H. Pegram,	Trinity Col.
J. J. Setliff, D.	Rusk
S. D. Franklin, E.,	Winston
J. H. White, E.,	"
John Alspaugh, E.,	Mt. Tabor
J. E. Petree,	"
J. B. Doub,	Vienna
S. Long, E.,	Salem
S. S. Clemons,	Walkertown
Martin Jones,	Walkertown
P. H. Joyner, E.,	Trinity College.
W. A. Brame, E.,	" "
Newton Doub, L.,	Vienna
J. C. Mock, L.,	"
Daniel Field, E.	Leaksville
Joseph Miller, D.,	Salem
J. W. Burton,	Thomasville
W. A. Barrentine,	Greensboro
J. H. Anderson,	Reidsville
W. A. Waymick,	"
S. A. Cecil,	High Point
B. A. York, L.,	New Salem
B. York, D. D., E.,	"
SALISBURY DISTRICT.	
I. M. Shaver, E.,	Parmerville
C. Plyler, E.,	Concord

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Name.	Post Office.
A. K. Murchison, E.,	Farmington
Vincent Walker, E.,	Calahan
Daniel Potts,	Shady Grove
Jacob Sheek, E.,	Smith "
A F. Atkins, E.,	Albemarle
— Simpson, L.,	Concord
Daniel Lauder, L.,	Albemarle
P. B. C. Smith, L.,	Mt. Pleasant
STATESVILLE DISTRICT.	
G. W. Fisher,	Mountain Creek
J. A. Sherrill, L. E.,	" "
M. A. Abernethy	Newton
J. M. Ashby	Mt. Airy
David Brown,	Mooresville
Martin Haller,	Lenoir
J. S. Helton,	"
Dr. D. F. Holcomb, D.	Rockford
R. G. Green,	Jonesville
Wesley Johnson,	Francisco
Abram Hays,	Lenoir
W. L. C. Killian,	"
N. H. Kaylor,	"
M. H. Long,	Yadkinville
D. A. Lanier,	Lenoir
J. M. Matthews,	Yadkinville
James Minish. E.,	Elkin
J. S. Montgomery,	Lenoir
T. A. Nicholson, L. E.,	Eagle Mills
J. P. Nicholson	"
W. T. Needham,	Bl ss
A. M. Long,	Culler
Jesse Needham,	Bliss
James Needham,	"
Isaac Norman,	Westfield
N. S. Norton,	Taylorsville
J. A. Bush,	Lenoir
John Rush,	Wilkesboro
J. A. Sherrill,	Lenoir
E. E. Smith,	Settle
Robert Taylor,	Mt. Airy
W. P. Williams, L. E.,	Davidson C.
T. S. Whittington, E.,	East Bend
Dr. P. C. Jurney, E.,	Olin

Name.	Post Office.
SHELBY DISTRICT.	
H. M. Blair, L.,	Hickory
J. T. Hoyle,	Camp Creek
Dr. B. F. Dixon, E.	King's Mountain
L. L. Smith,	Shelby
N. H. Haynes,	"
J. A. Lee,	Holly Bush
Josiah Morris,	Gardner's Ford
Robert Ledford, L.,	"
William Swofford,	Knob Creek
Carter Bennett,	Rutherfordton
J. F. Washburn,	New House
Reuben Washburn,	Oak Spring
P. D. Moore	Duncan's Creek
Pitts,	Marion
W. H. England,	Nebo
M. D. Giles,	Bridgewater
M. L. Kaylor,	Marion
R. L. Abernethy, D. D.,	Ruth'd Col.
J. A. Belk,	Rutherford College
T. A. Dorsey,	Morganton
F. R. Kaylor,	"
J. N. Payne,	"
N. H. Kaylor,	"
A. M. Wells,	Garabaldi
Julius Kennedy,	North Brook
D. E. Warlick,	Jacob's Fork
Robert Helton,	" "
CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.	
J. W. Abernethy, E.,	Matthews
J. F. Butt, E.,	Charlotte
James Bickett, L.,	Monroe
F. S. Ellington, D.,	Mint Hill
F. B. Harley,	Pineville
B. S. Ferrell, L.,	Charlotte
Hosea Hale, L.,	Mathews
J. E. Irby, E.,	Mt. Prospect
C. P. Jerome. L.	Mathews
T. W. Kendall,	Monroe
J. C. New, L.	Lilesville
Dr. J. T. Jones, L.,	Clear Creek
Elias Overcash, L.,	Charlotte
S. C. Pharr, D. D., E.,	"
S. R. Trawick, E.,	Ansonville

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Name.	Post Office.
J. B. Tarlton, L.,	Mathews
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.	
F.M. Shamburger, L.,	Auman's Mill
Lewis Phillips, E.,	Fair Haven
Hardy Sanders, E.,	Big Oak
J. B. Ballard, E.,	Troy
John S. Pool,	"
R. S. Ledbetter, E.,	Rockingham
James A. Covington, E.,	"
Frank Sanford, E.,	"
J. C. Smith, L.,	"
Leonard Webb,	Dudo
Neill McM. Smith, E.	Laurinburg
M. A Smith,	"
Neill M. Ray,	Laurel Hill
Jackson Townsend,	Lumberton
P. J. Wray, E.	Chalk Level
David McNeill, E.,	Broadway
D. N. McLean, E.,	Fayetteville
Love Culbreth, E.,	Blockers
Miles Mercer, L.,	Lumberton
Joseph Paul, L.,	"
T. M. Henly,	Cedar Hill
John Hutchinson,	Polkton
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.	
Joshua Johnson,	Amon
S. H. Guyton,	Council's Station
Owen Johnson,	Herringsville
Owen Spell,	Dismal
Josiah Sutton,	Burnett's X Roads
F B. Andrews, E.,	Lumberton
J. H. Tart,	Fair Bluff
J. W. Craig,	Wilmington
—— Cox,	Elizabethtown
NEWBERNE DISTRICT.	
E. D. Hoover, L. E.,	Washington
G. D. Langston,	Aurora
Dr E L Perkins, L. E.,	Newport
John Rumley, E.,	Beaufort
James A. Suydam, E.,	Newberne
David W. Porter, L.,	Swift Creek
Samuel W. Ormond, E.,	Hookerton
E. A. Wright,	Goldsboro
Morris Howell,	"
J. T. Brogden,	"
Gray C. Garris,	Fremont
W. J. Gay,	Wilson

Name,	Post Office.
Prof. G. W. Neal, E.,	Newberne
W. B. Hancock, L.	Beaufort
J. B. Webb, E.,	Kinston
R. B. Gilliam, L.,	"
WARRENTON DISTRICT.	
G. A. Rose,	Manson
J. W. Heptinstall, E.,	Littleton.
J. A. Kilpatrick,	"
G. W. Heptinstall, E.,	Enfield
B. F. Long, D. D., E.,	Warrenton
W. S. Davis, D.	"
WASHINGTON DISTRICT.	
P. M. Farrow, E	The Cape
G. L. Fulcher, L. P.,	Hatteras
N. O. Payne,	"
J. H, Whidbee, L. P.,	"
Hezekiah Farrow,	Makelyville
M. A. Smith,	Washington
Samuel Brown,	Bethel
Redding Moore, E.,	Greenville
Dr. J H Johnson, E.,	"
B. H. Hearne, D.,	"
J. M. Watson, E.,	Lake l anding
C. M. Byrd,	Tarboro
M. G Davenport,	Greenville
Wm Lowe,	Bath
L. P. Bonner,	Lake Landing
J. L Cherry,	Williamston
W. H. Harrell,	"
W. K. Eborne,	——
H. Powell,	——
L. Heath,	——
R. R. Hearne, D.,	Greenville
Charles M. Cook, E.,	Tarboro
HOLSTON DISTRICT.	
Solomon Pool, D. D., E.	Asheville
James Wagg,	Jefferson
Dr. J. A. Reagan, E.,	Weaverville
M. M. Weaver,	Ream's Creek
L. M. Pease,	Asheville
H. E. Joiner,	"
G. W. Miller,	"
G. W. Penley,	Hominy
J. H. Hawkins,	"
J. W. Vandiver,	Weaverville
T. M. Dula,	Democrat
C. M. Greer, D.,	Hendersonville
J. R. Lamb,	Warm Springs
C. D Smith, E.,	Franklin
T. B. Feltz,	Bakersville
W. W. Womach,	Mill's Springs
N. F. Wiley,	" "
J. F. Littlejohn,	" "
A. F English, L.,	D vidson River

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Name.	Post Office.
Joshua Cole, E.,	McBride's Mills
J. P. Combs, L.,	" "
G. W. Osborn, E.,	" "
N. C. Combs, L	Boone
H. B. Blackburn, L.,	"
Thomas Huston, L.,	Bald Creek
James McCampbell, L.,	Burnsville
W. S. Gibbs, L.,	Micaville
K. B. Rheim, L.,	Burnsville
S. F. Roberts, D.,	Laurel Branch
J. L Pugh, L.	Mouth of Wilson Va
ALBEMARLE DISTRICT.	
Costin Jordan, E.,	Sunbury
J. S. Chatman,	Elizabeth City
W. W. Kennedy,	" "
G. S. Dutcher,	" "

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Openingby the President.
2. Calling the roll and correcting.
3. Address of the President.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Written reports of Local Ministers.
6. Verbal reports of Delegates.
7. Selecting Delegates.
8. Discuss plans for increased usefulness.
9. Reports of Committees.
10. Select place for next Conference.
11. Election of Officers.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Benediction.

OBITUARIES.

GOLDSBORO, June 28, 1883.

BROTHER BRANSON;—It is with deep sorrow that I have to tell you of the death of my father, REV. RANSOM ROSE, who died the 5th of December, 1880. He was 74 years old, had been in the church 50 years and a preacher between 40 and 45 years. He died in the full triumphs of the Christian's faith. He called his children around his death bed and asked them to meet him in heaven, and his last words to brother Andrews were, that he had lived in all good conscience both towards God and man, and was ready for the Master's call; and to tell his friends to follow him as he had tried to follow Christ. He then fell asleep in Jesus. Yours in Christ, BENJAMIN ROSE.

L. BURNETT of Pittsboro died in August 1879, in the triumphs of the gospel faith—a good man—and has left a good name and a good influence behind him.

THOMAS REAGAN, of Jamestown, died during the year 1882.

BENJAMIN NUTT, of Siloam, died during the year 1882.

FRANK SNODDY, of Dalton, died during the year 1881.

Of each and all these sainted brethren it is hoped that friends will furnish the Secretary of the Conference with data for biographical sketches.

N. C. CONFERENCE---ITINERANT MINISTERS AND POST-OFFICES.

Name.	Post Office.	Name.	Post Office
Alford, J. B.	Wadesboro.	Creasy, W. S.	Concord
Albea, W. W.	Winston.	Coltrane, N. E.	Ruffin
Adams, S. D.. P.E.,	Carthage.	Cordon, J. H.	Toisnot
Anderson, C. M.,	Morganton	Cole, J. N.	Rocky Mount
Avent, I. W.	Chalk Level.	Cunninggim, W. L.	Weldon
Andrews, J. N.	Fremont.	Cutchin, W. T.	Lassiter's Mills
Arnold, J. D.	Jonesboro.	Crowson, W. J	Nashville
Abernethy, J. T.	Rutherfordton	Dodson, C. C	W nston
Burton, R. O., P. E.,	Weldon	Davis, S. M.	Matthews
Bibb, R. P.	Trinity College	Doub, W. B	Williamston
Bobbitt, W.H., D.D., P.E.,	Gr'nsboro	Durant, C. O	Point Caswell
Black, W. S., D.D., P. E.	Raleigh	Dailey, T. J	Greenville
Bobbitt, J. B., D.D.	Rockingham	Edwards, T. H.	Clear Creek
Barrett, R. G.	Mooresville	Eudaily, E. J.	Wilkesboro
Bailey, J. B.	Elizabethtown	Earnhardt, D. L.	Lexington
Betts, A. D.	Newport	England, N. A	
Bruton, D. R., P. E.	Greensboro	Ellington, T. S.	Mint Hill
Brooks, J. R.	Fayetteville	Foy, M.	Mount Airy
Buie, J. D.	Littleton	Farrar, G.	Oar Hill
Boon, T. A.	Durham	Floyd, J. W.	Boone
Bumpass, R. F.	Raleigh	Finlayson, J. T	Lou sburg
Bagwell, J. T.	Charlotte	Gattis, T. J	Albemarle
Boyles, M. W.	Leesville	Gantt, A. G	Cherryville
Bishop, F. A.	Lincolnton	Gray, H.	Hillsboro
Beamon, R. C.,	Lake Landing	Gibbons, H. H	Leasburg
Bristow, J. E	Mount Olive	Guthrie, T. W., P. E.	Rockingham
Browning, T. J.	Atlantic	Griffith, J. R.	Ridgeway
Burkhead, L S., D. D.,	Newberne	Gibbons, L. H.	Oxford
Byrd, C. W.	Scotland Neck	Guinn, J. H.	Wilson
Campbell, T. J	Madison	Greening, P.	Mt. Vernon Springs
Culbreth, D.	Newton Grove	Gault, C. A	Keeresville
Chaffin, W. S.	Rockingham	Gibbs, J. T.	Oxford
Cunninggim, J.A., P.E.,	"	Groom, P.L.	Walnut Cove
Carraway, P. J.	Monroe	Guthrie, J, O	Cedar Grove
Callahan, G. W.	Mt. Airy	Gay, J. E.	Hillsboro
Culbreth, B. B.	Cary	Gannon, W. C.	Kinston
Carpenter, J. D	La Grange	Gentry, C. M.	Blockersville
Crisp, J. D.	Scott's Hill	Giles, M. D	Shelby
Cole, H. P.	Concord	Grissom, W. L.	Aurora
Call, W. H.	Washington	Haltom, W. S.	Charlotte
Crawford, L. W.	Greensboro	Helsebeck, S. H.	Danbury
Carden, J. J	Fairfield	Hendren, L.L., D.D., P.E.,	Statesville
Craven, J. F.	Trap Hill	Hudson, H, T., D.D., P. E.	Shelby
Carpenter, J. B.	Thomasville	Hunt, M. J	Yadkinville

Name.	Post Office.
Hoyle, S. V.	Greenville
Herman, P. L.	Hickory
Hartsell, J. C.	Smithfield
Hoyle, M. H.	Winchester
Heitman, J. F.	Trinity College
Howland, E.	Cary
Harris, J T.	Statesville
Holden, L. J.	Warrenton
Hall, B. R.	Shelby
Hardison, G. W.	Monroe
Hull, W. I.	Keenansville
Hales, W. S.	Brower's Mills
Harrison, Z. T.	Cypress Creek
Hooker, N. A.	Kinston
Hoyle, T. L.	Forest City
Hoyle, R. M.	Pleasant Garden
Hall, J. H.	Sulphur Springs
Holder, B. B.	Goldsboro
Hoover, E. D.	Avon
Ivery, G. W.	Newton
Jenkins, J. W.	Snow Hill
Jurney, N. M	Beaufort
Jones, J. W.	King's Mt.
Johnson L. L.	Trenton
Kerans, I. F.	Sawyersville
King, C. W.	Pleasant Garden
Kendall, J. T.	Jonesboro
Keen, J. L	Columbia
Lewis, J. W.	Thomasville
Lyon, J. T.	Durham
Little, C. G.	Statesville
Lowe, A. M.	Clayton
Lee, J. A	Marion
Lumly, J M.	Enfield
Moses, T. C.	Pittsboro
Martin, J. B.	Chapel Hill
Mann, J. E., P. E.	Goldsboro
Mangum, A. W., D D.	Chapel Hill
Moore, W. H.	Franklinton
Mahoney, J.	Jamestown
McCorkle, W. P.	Albemarle
McLeod, S. J.	Stanley Creek
Moore, M. H.	Chapel Hill
McCall, F. B	Straits
May, D.	Washington
McCullen, A.	Kinston
North, J, W.	Laurinburg
Nelson, J. J., D. D., P. E.	Toisnot
Norman, W. C.	Louisburg
Nash, L. L.	Rolesville
North, W. B.	Smithville
Nelson, W. T.	Taylorsville
Oglesby, G. A.	Salisbury
Phillips, C. H.	Eden
Pepper, C. M.	Mt. Gilead
Peeler, S. D.	Newton Grove

Name.	Post Office
Puett, J. W.	Whiteville
Phillips, B. C.	Randleman
Pegram, T. H.	Winston
Page, J. H.	Denver
Pell, E. L.	Marion
Ricaud, T. P.	Wilmington
Reeks, T. B.	Hendenson
Rush, Z.	Mt. Pleasant
Robey, W. M., D.D.	Goldsboro
Raven, A. R.	Shelby
Round, G. F.	Mocksville
Renn, J. J	Henderson
Reid, F. L.	Raleigh
Rone, W. S.	Wadesboro
Rhodes, J. M.	Littleton
Rowe. J. C.	Jonesville
Sharpe, V. A.	Yanceyville
Stephenson, R. T. N.	Trinity College
Somers, J. N	Morganton
Sherrill. M. V.	Lenoir
Swindell, F. D.	Tarboro
Smith, T. W.	Concord
Sanford, J.	Roxboro
Stacy, L. E.	Ansonville
Stamey, P. F W.	Olin
Scroggs, J. R.	Carthage
Stone, T A.	Lexington
Stamey, E L.	Catawba
Snow, C. P.	Trap Hill
Smith, C. W.	Palo Alto
Thomas, M C.	Chalk Level
Thomas, J. C.	Kernersville
Tillett, J.	Company Shops
Triplett, T. L.	Big Lick
Thompson, J. E.	Clinton
Thompson, J. E.	Reidsville
Tyer, A. P.	Lumberton
Townsend, F. L.	Fayetteville
Tart, J. H.	Fair Bluff
Wheeler, J. W.	Charlotte
Wilson, N.H.D., D D., P.E.	Greensboro
Wheeler, J. H.	Raleigh
Wheeler, J	Salisbury
Wood, M L.	Pres't Trinity College
Willis, R. A.	Pittsboro
Webb, R S	Warrenton
Wood, F. H.	Wilmington
Wilson, W. C.	Mocksville
Wiley, H. F.	Love Lady
Wilson, James	Mt. Airy
Watkins, W. H.	Plymouth
Warlick, R L.	Bliss
Watkins, D. A.	Winnabo
Wilborne, J. W.	Danbury
White, I. A.	Columbus
Washburn, J. F.	Pantego
Wyche, L O.	Wilson
Yates, E. A, D. D.	Raleigh

MINUTES

OF THE

LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE,

(M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,)

FOR THE

State of North Carolina,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF ASHEVILLE,

JULY THE 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th 1884.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

W. S. DAVIS, *President.* LEVI BRANSON, *Secretary.*

RALEIGH, N. C.:
SPIRIT OF THE AGE PRINT.
1884.

N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE FOR 1884.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 24th, 1884.

THE NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE met in 15th Annual session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Asheville, N. C., at 4 o'clock, P. M. W. S. Davis in the chair; Levi Branson Secretary.

The Conference was opened by the President, reading a chapter in Ephesians, singing and prayer.

During the Conference the following delegates reported present:

RALEIGH DISTRICT—LEVI BRANSON.
HILLSBORO DISTRICT—Isaac N. Mann, Alex. Walker.
STATESVILLE DISTRICT—W. P. Williams, Martin Haller.
SHELBY DISTRICT—R. L. Abernethy, D. D., J. A. Belk, W. H. England, F. R. Kaylor, M. L. Kaylor.
WARRENTON DISTRICT—W. S. Davis, E. A. Bobbitt.
WASHINGTON DISTRICT—Hezekiah Farrow, B. H. Hearne.
HOLSTON DISTRICT—N. G. Whittington, Dr. J. H. Jenkins, L. W. Pigott, E. M. Pease.

Dr. W. W. Bays and J. F. England, of the itinerancy, were present and participated in the Conference exercises.

Dr. W. W. Bays, N. G. Whittington and W. H. Penland were appointed a committee on divine services.

On motion of Dr. Abernethy the sessions of the Conference were fixed at 9, A. M., and adjourn at 11 for divine services; meet at 3. P. M., and adjourn at will.

The President then read his annual report as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Local Ministry of North Carolina:

Another chapter has been added to to the history of our lives; another year has handed its record to eternity; and, in the providence of God we have met, here in Asheville ("The Land of the Skies") to hold another Conference. As we meet in the Master's name, let us lift our hearts in Praise and gratitude to our God for his goodness and mercy, and let us in the beginning invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide us in our deliberations and bless us in our meetings.

This is the Centennial year of organized Methodism in America, and when we go back in the history of the Methodist Church, and consider its origin, the illustrious character of its founder and his worthy associates, the heroic and self-sacrificing conduct of its early preachers, its rapid growth under the most fearful opposition and bitter persecution, its wonderful missionary spirit which has planted it in our land and other parts of the world, its mighty influence in ameliorating the moral condition of society, and its healthful effect in improving the spiritual life of other churches; yea, when we come to the present day, and view the magnitude of Methodism, with her millions of communicants, and her grand and varied organizations reaching out over the world and dispensing the light and blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are not ashamed to be called "Methodists."

We hail our beloved Methodism as the child of Providence, the mother of missions and Sabbath schools, the founder of Bible and Tract Societies, the dawn of a new era in Christianity, and the grandest religious movement of the eighteenth century.

Finding the church asleep, she sounded aloud the Gospel trumpet, awoke the church to work, and dissipated the cloud of moral degeneracy that was then overspreading the national sky of England. Following the hand of Providence we find her displaying great wisdom in marshaling her forces and in deciding her ministerial economy, which differs from that of all other denominations and presents itself in the three-fold character of "Licensed Exhorters," Local Ministers" and "Itinerants."

In the early history of our Church, our ministers not unfrequently began as "Licensed Exhorters," thence graduated into the local ministry and thence into the Itinerancy.

The local preachers constituted a mighty arm of the Methodist service. They were far more numerous than the itinerants, but generally men of limited means. They were compelled to engage in secular employments to support their families, and therefore were only able to preach in their own vicinities at night and during the Sabbaths, according to the plan prepared by the pastor in charge. Many, however, who were able, traveled extensively, and labored abundantly.

When we read of the zealous labors of Silas Todd, Matthew Mayer and the heroic band of local preachers who figured in the old world in the early history of the church; when we reflect that three local preachers introduced Methodism in our country, that their successors planted it in many of the new states of the west, and that Robert Strawbridge

built the first Methodist church in America; we are not ashamed to be called local Methodist preachers.

In the progress of time, as the church has continued to grow and to develop new strength, through her increasing organizations, so that she is now able to employ and support a larger number of itinerant laborers, the status of the local ministry may be somewhat changed, for it is characteristic of Methodism wisely to adapt itself to circumstances.

It may not be expected of us now to precede the Itinerancy in planting churches, but there is ample work to be done at home in assisting the appointed preacher on his charge. We should do it. We do not agree with some of our brethren in the opinion that there is no longer work for the local minister in the vineyard of the Lord. They are called by the same spirit which calls the itinerant— they are licensed and ordained by the same authorities in the church, they are required to preach the same doctrines, and they are or should be amenable to the same ecclesiastical court; the difference being that the itinerant has his field of labor assigned him, with a salary allowed for his support, while the local selects his own field of labor and preaches usually without pay, and assists in supporting the itinerant.

There should be no discord in our church between these two classes of laborers which have existed in it from the beginning—but rather sympathy of feeling and harmony of action.

We know that it is hard to labor during the week in secular business and then upon the Lord's day fill the pulpits usually occupied by the regular minister who has his entire time to read, study his subject and prepare his sermon; but when God calls us to preach we must do so regardless of the criticisms of man, and whatever may be the conduct of our brethren towards us, we must exhibit to them the spirit of the Master, and as opportunity may present itself we must present the gospel of Jesus Christ to dying sinners—looking to Heaven for our reward, and following the commandments of him who has said "let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins."

May God grant unto us the unction of his spirit and bestow upon us the riches of his grace that we may faithfully discharge the duties of life and at last enter upon the rest that remains for the people of God.

On motion of Dr. Abernethy devotional exercises were held for a season.

W. P. Williams of Davidson College was announced to preach at night, Isaac N. Mann, of Chatham, was announced to preach at 11, A. M.; H. Farlow, at 8½ P. M.; Martin Haller to preach at Doubleday Mission Chapel to-morrow night.

Conference then adjourned with the benediction.

FRIDAY, 9, A. M.

The Conference assembled promptly and had religious services by A. E. Bobbitt.

The Secretary read the minutes of yesterday which after correction were approved.

On motion of R. L. Abernethy the chair was requested to appoint the usual committees.

Dr. J. H. Jenkins of the Holston district and Alexander Walker of the Hillsboro district reported present.

Rev. G. F. Robertson of the Presbyterian church was introduced to the Conference and welcomed to its courtesies.

Rev. J. S. Burnett, of the Holston Conference was introduced and delivered an appropriate address to the body.

Written reports were read by the Secretary and commented on to the entertainment of the Conference.

The chair announced committees as follows:

On Education, - -	W. P. Williams, Alex. Walker, E. A. Bobbitt.
On Finance, - - -	R. L. Abernethy, D. D., B. H. Hearne, H. Farrow.
On Temperance, - -	Dr. J. H. Jenkins, J. A. Belk, W. H. England.

Hezekiah Farrow was announced to preach at night.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

Friday, 3½ P. M.

Conference assembled at the time appointed. B. H. Hearne opened with singing and prayer. Minutes read and approved.

The reading of written reports was continued at length, after which, verbal reports were had from members of the Conference, as follows:

Levi Branson, stated that his work had been greatly diversified owing to his living on the the road much of the time during the year; he had preached frequently, and aided the regular pastors on all proper occasions, in official meetings, preaching, prayer meetings, visiting the sick and other pastoral duties. He always regards himself emphatically an *assistant pastor* according to our Discipline.

Isaac N. Mann, has had 2 regular appointments, has aided the pastor, held one protracted meeting at which 20 made profession and 12 joined the church, has filled various appointments for the pastor when he was unable to attend; loves to preach; wants to do more another year; is laboring for a reward beyond the grave.

Alexander Walker, has 3 appointments; has had 15 conversions at one appointment; organized a church and Sabbath school, and turned over to the circuit. Organized another Sabbath school and supplied it with Literature from his own funds; preaches once a week; aids Bro. Lyon, his pastor, and they have had some conversions; health has not been good; has enjoyed his work; has witnessed some happy conversions of aged people. He has given much attention to temperance, and feels that much more aught to be given to the subject by the Local and other preachers.

W. P. Williams, aids his pastor; travels over about 8 P. E. Districts and preaches wherever opportunity occurs; is a Masonic Lecturer, and especially enforces the morals of masonry; delights in the Master's work.

On motion of Levi Branson, 3½, P. M., Saturday, was fixed for the election of officers, and that the election be by ballot.

The committee on Education and Literature reported—which report was unanimously adopted as follows:

The undersigned Committee on Education and Church Literature respectfully report: That

WHEREAS, we are profoundly impressed with the importance of a practical use of these institutions: Therefore

Resolved, That we recomend the continuance of the Raleigh *Christian Advocate* as the organ of this conference, and the liberal patronage of it; the Methodist *Advance*, Holston *Methodist*, *Spirit of the Age*, Temperance *Messenger*, Southern Methodist *Herald*, and all other literature published in this State in the interest of christianity, temperance and education.

Resolved, That we recommend the use of Dr. Hudson's catechism in our Sabbath schools, believing that the "International Lessons" do not disseminate the spirit of christianity, nor the peculiar doctrines of our church as they should be taught in our Sabbath schools.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the management of, and recommend the patronage of Trinity and Rutherford male Colleges; Greensboro Davenport and Asheville Female Colleges; and Jonesboro, New Salem, and Mooresville High Schools, also Weaverville Male and FemaleCollege, and all other district Schools under the control of our church.

W. P. WILLIAMS,
ALEX. WALKER, } *Com.*
E. A. BOBBITT.

H. Farrow was announced to preach at night.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by President.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 9, A. M.

Conference assembled at the usual hour, and divine services were held by Dr. J. H. Jenkins.

The minutes were read and approved.

The committee on Sunday Schools read report, and on motion of W. P. Williams it was received and unanimously adopted as follows:

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In the consideration of the subject of Sunday Schools in the South, and especially in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, your committee are happy in being able to report that we find a rapidly progressive movement upon this subject, among all our people. During the past year, Sunday schools have sprung up all over the land as by magic. Men and women who hitherto seemed to manifest an unaccountable apathy, amounting almost to an opposition to this subject, have been awakened to a new life and a commendable zeal in the cause, and many of them have become very successful laborers in this great and good cause.

Your Committee regard this department of christian duty next in importance to the ministry itself; and we do most earestly urge upon our brethren of this local Conference to look steadily to this great field which is "already white to the harvest." It is here we may find ample room for our pastorate, in organizing and preparing proper material for the regular pastor and the church.

The time was, when our church found an abundance of material for building its walls, in the great outside world. We are now narrowing down to the compass of our own children, and it becomes our imperative duty to take care of them, if we would enlarge the borders of our Zion.

Your Committee would recommend, in addition to the Sunday school literature already in use among our, people, that most excellent book of Dr. H. T. Hudson, P. E. of the Shelby District of the North Carolina Conference, entitled the "Children's Lamp." This is a catechism very suitably adapted to the indoctrination of children and young people into the doctrines, usages and customs of the M. E. Church, South.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. L. ABERNETHY,
B. H. HEARNE,
H. FARROW. } *Com.*

The Committee on Temperance reported and on motion of Dr. Abernethy the report was unanimously adopted, as follows:

ON TEMPERANCE.

Inasmuch as we look upon intemperance as being one of the greatest evils in our country; degrading humanity in almost every form, and causing, more suffering, both mental and physical, than any other evil with which we have to contend; we therefore,

Resolve, That we recognize the different Temperance orders working in North Carolina as helping to remove the curse, by educating temperance principles and reform amongst our people.

Resolved, That we recommend our people to unite with such organ-

izations, wherever practicable and thereby lend a helping hand in removing the evil from our land and country.

Resolved, That whenever an opportunity offers favorably, that we will preach or lecture on the subject of intemperance and encourage people to take hold of and further the cause of temperance reform.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Jenkins,
Wm. H. England,
J. A. Belk.
} *Com.*

Verbal reports were continued as follows:

Martin Haller reported as having two regular appointments, and three for a part of the year; has labored much in Sabbath Schools; traveled across the mountains and preached three days on brother Snow's work, where they had a good meeting: also, with J. A. Belk, held a successful protracted meeting.

J. A. Belk reported: held a meeting in Union county, at which 25 made profession and 12 joined the church—aided in a very successful meeting near Rutherford College, at which the enemy was routed; aided in a good revival meeting at the College—has preached upwards of fifty sermons during the year; has been blessed in his own spirit life, and confidently expects to get to heaven.

W. H. England reported 3 regular appointments, preached 25 sermons, baptized 3, received 3 into the church—does not preach much away from home during the winter. On South Mountain mission (left out by the Conference) visited 26 families, prayed 40 times among the people on the two appointments.

Rev. A. D. Blackwood of the Baptist church was introduced to the Conference and welcomed to the privileges of the body.

Dr. R. L. Abernethy reported 4 regular appointments; preached 60 sermons, baptized 41 persons and received 32 members into the church at one point—has labored in several glorious revivals; one at the College, which commenced from a lecture on "the immortality of the soul." He expects a revival at the College, every session. Over 800 students have been converted at the College, during the 31 years of the College existence. In the beginning of the College he obligated to try to lead to God the students whom God might send to him, and God has filled his part of the obligation, always sending him plenty of students. Held prayer-meetings every Sunday night during the session.

E. A. Bobbit has had 2 regular appointments—has preached 12 or 15 sermons—is in better health this year, and finds more comfort in labor and spiritual peace and joy.

W. S. Davis, has had 4 regular appointments on the circuit—cooperates with the pastor—delights in the work of the ministry—is curtailing his secular business so as to give more time to preaching the gospel—he is laboring and praying for the direction of the spirit.

Hezekiah Farrow, has traveled over sea and land hundreds and thousands of miles, during the past year; he is a colporteur for the American Tract Society and American Bible Society; he preaches at all open places, in the city or country in churches or in private families—enjoys a happy christian life; baptized 7 persons—received 6 into the church.

B. H. Hearne, has 2 regular appointments and preaches nearly every Sabbath, sometimes 40 miles away from home—delights to preach and do all he can in the Lord's vineyard—co-operates with his pastor as far as possible—has baptized quite a number during the year—perhaps twenty.

Dr. J. H. Jenkins, has 2 regular appointments; has worked and co-operated with his pastor—feels that his labor has not been in vain—has done some mission work in out of the way places—has had success in conversion of souls and establishing one or more churches in destitute places.

N. G. Whittington, has had 2 regular appointments—held one protracted meeting at which there was a good interest and some conversions—loves to preach as his strength permits—has engaged to the American Tract Society for the next twelve months to travel in six western counties.

The Conference adjourned to hear the sermon by J. A. Belk. E. A. Bobbitt was announced to preach at night.

SATURDAY, 3½ P. M.

The Conference assembled at the appointed time, and opened with reading, singing and prayer by Isaac N. Mann.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

M. L. Kaylor of Marion, F. R. Kaylor of Morganton and L. W. Piggott arrived and reported present.

The hour for special order having arrived, the Conference went into the election of officers, with following result:

President,	R. L. ABERNETHY, D. D.
First Vice President,	W. P. WILLIAMS.
Second Vice President,	B. H. HEARNE.
Third Vice President,	B. YORK, D. D.
Financial Secretary,	LEVI BRANSON.

The Conference then went into selection of a place for meeting next year. L. W. Pigott nominated Beaufort and W. P. Williams nominated Thomasville, which latter place was selected for the annual meeting to embrace the 4th Sabbath in July, 1885, commencing on Thursday previous.

On motion the following delegates were elected for the next Conference:

Asheville District -Dr. J. A. Reagan, L. M. Pease.
Franklin District—Dr. J. H. Jenkins, Bynum R. Phillips.
Raleigh District—W. J. W. Crowder, R. H. Whitaker.
Hillsboro District—I. N. Mann, Alex. Walker.
Greensboro District—S. D. Franklin, R. M. Stafford.
Salisbury District—A. F. Atkins, I. M. Shaver.
Statesville District—W. P. Williams, Dr. J. P. Nicholson.
Shelby District—M. L. Kaylor, F. R. Kaylor.
Charlotte District—T. W. Kendall, C. P Jerome.
Fayetteville District—Frank Sanford, Neill McN. Smith.
Wilmington District—S. H. Guyton, J. H. Tart.
Newbern District—John Rumley, G. D. Langston.
Warrenton District—W. S. Davis, E A. Bobbitt.
Washington District—Hezekiah Farrow, W. H. Harrell.
Albemarle District—W. W. Kennedy, G. S. Dutcher.

WRITTEN REPORTS.

The following written reports were read:

Robert S. Abernethy, has preached 11 sermons, and held 2 prayer meetings has been preaching only a short time.

W. H. England has had 3 regular appointments—has preached 23 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath school—baptized 3 and received 3 into the church.

B. A. York, has had 1 regular appointment, preached 25 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath School, held 10 prayer meetings; moderate health has not permitted larger work but hopes to do more another year.

Brantley York, D. D., has had 1 regular appointment, preached about 60 sermons, delivered some 30 Lectures on various literary subjects, formed one temperance society of some 70 members, according to resolution of last Conference. Prays concord, peace and success to all the deliberations of the Local Conference.

J. W. Vandiver writes freely concerning the Conference, but makes no specific report of work done.

ames M. Watson is old and infirm but has preached about one sermon each month, married some half dozen couples, baptized and buried a few persons, and regrets that he could not do more—sends $1 50 for minute fund.

Robert B. Gilliam is in pro tem charge of Swift Creek Mission, has six regular appointments besides several incidental preaching places —has delivered a number of Sunday school addresses—has a good S. S. at each appointment - is in full accord with the work and objects of the Conference and prays Divine blessings on the members.

Neill M. Ray, has had 2 regular appointments, has preached about 50 sermons, has organized 1 Sabbath school and held frequent prayer meetings, has assisted the pastor in 7 protracted meetings and witnessed many professions—is in full accord with the Local Conference.

I. N. Mann, has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 50 sermons, has held 6 prayer meetings, baptized 5 and received 12 into the church pays $3 00 on minute fund.

A. T. Atkins, is now in his 74th year, has preached about 50 sermons—many of them funerals—married a great many couples—loves to preach—rejoices that Local preachers are becoming more and more useful—is spending a joyful old age—sends $1 for the minute fund.

John P. Combs, has preached 6 sermons, held 8 prayer meetings, baptized 30 and received 21 into the church.

J. A. Lee, has had 2 regular appointments,and preached 20 sermons—hopes to accomplish more another year.

Daniel A. Lanier, has 4 appointments, has preached 48 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath school and held 40 prayer meetings.

W. H. Thompson, has had 3 regular appointments and preached 30 sermons.

W. P. Williams, has preached 110 sermons,held 16 prayer meetings and baptized 5 persons—sends $1 to the minute fund.

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Hezekiah Farrow, has been traveling as a colporteur, has preached about 30 times—has organized quite a number of Sunday schools, held frequent prayer meetings, baptized 5 persons, and received 7 into the church—sends $2 for the minute fund.

A. K. Murchison, preaches occasionally—is engaged chiefly in Sabbath school work—hopes to be every year more and more useful.

Leonard Webb, has had one regular appointment, has preached 20 sermons, has organized 1 Sabbath school and baptized 6 persons.

James H. Tart, has 6 regular appointments and preached 8 sermons each month—has organized 5 Sabbath schools and received 3 members into the church—is traveling as a supply, a laborious circuit in a fever county, but hopes to accomplish some good for the Master.

N. H. Guyton, has had 3 regular appointments, has preached 45 sermons—some have been converted—has held 4 prayer meetings, organized 1 Sabbath school, delivered several Sabbath school lectuers—is an active teacher in Sabbath school.

A. G. Kirkman, has preached about 40 sermons, spent much time in visiting the sick, and preached a number of funerals—is in full sympathy with the Local Ministry and Local Conference.

R. M Stafford has had 4 regular appointments and preached 71 sermons, held 20 prayer meetings, baptized 5 and received 5 into the church—inclosed $2 for minute fund.

Reuben Washburn, has had 1 regular appointment, preached 5 or 6 sermons—hopes to accomplish more another year—sends one dollar for the minute fund.

James B. Floyd has had 2 regular appointments, has preached about 20 sermons—sends 70 cents for minute fund—desires to have local preachers take the matter of class meetings in hand.

N. McN. Smith, has had 3 regular appointments, has preached 48 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath school, baptized 7 and received 17 into the church—has had a pleasant year's work; sends $1 for the minute fund.

A. E. Bobbitt, has had 2 regular appointments and preached 12 sermons, held 8 prayer meetings—sends $1 for minute fund

Hardy Sanders, has preached 6 sermons—age and health have not permitted large work—sends $1 for minute fund.

James B. Ballard, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 24 sermons—has been on crutches for 7 years, but still labors joyfully in the Lord's cause.

Joseph Paul, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 9 sermons, is a regular teacher in Sabbath school—hopes to accomplish more another year.

Solomon Lea, has 4 appointments every month, frequently lectures in Sabbath school; has been a long and steady laborer—sends $1 for the minute fund.

Martin A. Holler, has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 20 sermons; will send $1 to minute fund.

James Minish, has had 3 appointments, preached 12 sermons; is old and feeble; expects to be in the upper Conference soon.

Wilson Atwater is 87 years old, and quite infirm; sends $1 to the minute fund.

Jackson Townsend, has 4 appointments; preached 43 sermons, baptized 2 and received 4 into the church.

A. N. Wells, has 3 preaching places for each month and teaches a Bible class each Sabbath—enjoys his work.

Dr. J. A. Reagan, has 3 regular appointments, has preached 40 sermons, held 2 prayer meetings and baptized 2 persons.

J. W. Burton, has 2 regular appointments, has preached 25 sermons, has assisted in 2 Sabbath schools—hopes to be more abundant in labors another year.

L. M. Pease, writes freely and cordially of the Local Conference—sends $1 for minute fund.

Solomon Pool, D. D., has been a part of the year in Florida, a part at Glen Alpine Springs and about half the year in charge of Winston Station—has averaged about one sermon a week; would prefer above all things regular settled pastoral work, but the way has been blocked up. Contributes $5 to the minute fund.

MOUNT PROSPECT, UNION CO., N. C., July 1st, 1884.

DEAR BRETHREN OF N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.—I am surely very sorry that I cannot attend the Conference. I need only say that I am still in a helpless condition; nearly 4 years since I have been

on my feet. Many that were strong men physically and religiously when I first got down, have crossed the flood and entered the port before me. It seems to be my lot to enter only through the vale of affliction, where dark shadows and merciless pains almost constantly torture this mortal body; still I have much to be thankful for. I have kind and sympathizing friends, and a great many of them. Besides (to use a common expression) I have a clear sky and a bright evidence of my acceptance with God, which is worth more to me than all the world besides. Dear brethren when you meet in the upper temple, where all God's people will one day meet to part no more, and where sickness and sorrow pain and death, are felt and feared no more, then look around, I shall be there.

Yours &c., J. E. Irby.

The Financial Secretary's report was read and adopted unanimously as follows:

Levi Branson, Financial Secretary,

To N. C Local Ministers' Conference, Dr.

To balance from 1883		$ 5 48
To collection at Winston 1883		6 09
To amount received of	Frank Sanford	3 00
" "	Turner M. Jones, D. D	3 25
" "	W. H. England	50
" "	Reuben Washburn	1 00
" "	James M. Watson	1 50
" "	Solomon Pool, D. D	5 00
" "	A. F. Atkins	1 00
" "	W. P. Williams	1 00
" "	E. E. Smith,	1 50
" "	H. Farrow	2 00
" "	James H. Tart	50
" "	R. M. Stafford	2 00
" "	J. B Floyd	70
" "	N. McN. Smith	1 00
" "	E. A. Bobbitt	1 00
" "	H. Sanders	1 00
" "	Solomon Lea	1 00
" "	Martin Holler	1 00
" "	Wilson Atwater	1 00
" "	L. M. Pease	1 00
" "	Alex Walker	1 00
" "	Isaac N. Mann	3 00
" "	W. S. Davis	2 50
" "	F. R. Kaylor	50
" "	W. J. W. Crowder,	1 00
" "	W. H. Pegram,	1 00
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By printing 500 Minutes,	$25 00	
By amount paid for circulars	2 00	
By postage on circulars	3 00	
By p stage on Minutes	5 00	
By amount paid for stationery	3 00	
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L. Branson offered the following resolution which was adopted:

TEXAS LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, we learn that there are about one thousand Local Ministers in the State of Texas—that great State of the South—the great Methodist State—and learning from Rev. A. H. Stegall of San Antonia that a Local Texas Conference was founded three years ago—that they have now held three Annual sessions and have resolved to publish a paper as a permanent organ:

Resolved, That the N. C Local Ministers' Conference sends greetings, and prays the greatest success may attend that Conference,

The following offered by W. P. Williams was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the officers of the several Railroads, Hotels, Boarding Houses, and Pastors of the principal churches in the city for courtesies extended to our body.

Resolved, That we fully appreciate the kindness extended to us by the citizens generally of this city, and *especially* by the "Daily Advance" and the "Citizen" in publishing the proceedings of our Conference.

Resolved, That we trust the time may not be far distant when we shall meet again in Conference in this cloud-land city.

Resolved, That this Conference sends warmest greetings and love to the old members of the Local ranks, whose letters were sent to the Secretary and read by him to our comf rt.

Services were announced to be held at the various churches on Sabbath by members of the Local Preachers' Conference as follows:

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.	11, A. M.—W. S. Davis. 8½ P. M.—Rev. R. L. Abernethy, D.D. Love Feast at 4 P. M.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.	11, A. M.—Levi Branson. 8½ P. M.—Rev. J. H. Jenkins.
BAPTIST CHURCH.	11, A. M.—Bev. W. P. Williams. 8½ P. M.—Rev. Alexander Walker.
DOUBLEDAY MISSION.	5 P. M.—Rev. B. H. Hearne.

After singing the Doxology the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President, to meet in Thomasville on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1885.

W. S. DAVIS, *President.*

LEVI BRANSON, *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SEC. 1. This body shall be known as the NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, and shall be governed by this Constitution and such by-laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the Discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The membership of this Conference shall consist of two delegates from each Presding Elder's District and such other Local Preachers as may be present and recognized by the Conference.

SEC. 2.—The delegates and alternates to this Conference shall be elected each year by this Conference for the succeeding Conference, and any vacancies which may occur during the year shall be filled by the President.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC. 2 It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an Annual Address or Sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the constitution and by-laws.

SEC 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4 The officers of this Conference shall constitute a finance committee, the President being chairman, which committee shall direct the application of all the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—*Contingent Fund.*

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the minutes shall be applied annually to the relief of such members and families of the members, as the Financial Committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ART. V. The constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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STIMSON HINES WHITAKER.—On Saturday evening, December 1st, 1883, about 7 o'clock, at his residence in this town, REV STIMSON HINES WHITAKER breathed his last. This christian gentleman had been confined to his bed over six weeks. Occasionally he would rally, and his friends had hope at such times of his recovery. He was filling the office of Mayor, and made a good public servant. He had been a resident of Clayton about fifteen years, was a worthy citizen, upright and straight-forward in all matters, so far as we can learn. He professed religion when quite a young man, and had, we learn, been a Local Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, over thirty years. He was a valuble member of our community, an earnest worker in all christian duties and devoted to the Sabbath School.

To his bereaved family we extend our sympathy and ask them to take consolation that he is not "dead but sleepeth," only gone before. O just to think! To breathe a new air and find that air celestial air—to pass from a storm and tempest and find unbroken rest—to step on shore and find that shore Heaven—to take hold of a hand and find it God's hand—to wake up and find it glory—to feel invigorated and find it immortality! Brother Whitaker has fought a good fight and won the victory. Sweet be his rest until the great resurrection day, when Our Father shall gather his jewels home, and give "the crown of life," to the faithful. The deceased was about seventy-one years of age, at the time of his death.—*Clayton Bud.*

REV. JACOB SHEEK died June 13th, 1884, at Smith Grove, in his 90th year. Over fifty years ago he was an exhorter in the Methodist Church, and for many years a local preacher in the M. E Church, South; was ordained Deacon by Bishop Paine, and Elder by Bishop Pierce. He attended all the camp meetings at Smith Grove, from the first one in 1832, to the last, in 1883: in this time heard a variety of preaching that few men have the privilege of hearing. Many preachers in the Conference will remember "Uncle Jacob Sheek." He is said to have read the Bible through over sixty times, and was always ready to preach and work until the last.—W. C. W. in *Advocate*, August 20th 1884.

DEAR BRO. BEANSON:—My own cousin, P. M. FARROW, died last year. He was about 55 years old. Happily converted in 1850. Led the class and exhorted successfully until 1855. Was then licensed to preach, afterwards ordained, and continued to preach very acceptably as long as he lived. He loved all, was loved by all. Had many seals to his ministry and died in holy triumph. I considered him one of the most holy men I ever knew.—H. FARROW.

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3. Address of the President.
4. Appointment of Committees.
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7. Selecting Delegates.
8. Discuss plans for increased usefulness.
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N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE FOR 1885.

Thomasville, N. C., July 23, 1885.

The North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference met in 16th annual session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Thomasville, N. C., at 4 o'clock, P. M.

W. A. Brame, *pro tem*, in the chair; Levi Branson Secretary.

The Conference was opened by W. A. Brame with reading from the Gospel of St. John, singing and prayer.

The Secretary called the roll of delegates. Various corrections and additions were made.

During the Conference the following delegates reported present:

Raleigh District—{ Levi Branson, R. H. Whitaker, D. L. Schively.

Hillsboro District—Isaac N. Mann.

Greensboro District—{ S. D. Franklin, J. H. White, Solomon Pool, D. D.

Trinity Col. District—{ W. A. Brame, D. Victor York, J. W. Burton.

S. V. Hoyle, pastor of Thomasville church.

The Secretary read the opening address of President R. L. Abernethy, he not having arrived. The address was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren of the N. C. Local Minister's Conference:—In the good providence of God, we have again met in our Local Minister's Conference of North Carolina. We have abundant reason to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for His special providential protection and blessings during the Conference year now closing. Since we last met in the town of Asheville, N. C., so far as I have been able to learn, but *one* of our local brethren has been taken from our ranks; while death has rode furiously among the hosts of our beloved itinerant brethren, cutting down nine of these holy, consecrated men. This consideration of such signal protection, with many others we might mention, calls for our profoundest gratitude, and should be the cause of a renewal of our covenent with God.

In coming before this body today, in the discharge of my official duty I have been somewhat perplexed to know in what field of human thought and effort to direct my search for material to lay before you. In the sixteen years of our organization, we have discussed nearly every subject that could be made to bear upon the local ministry, giving special prominence and emphasis to those elements of thought and reason which have defined our eccelesiastical status and placed our Conference in its true light before the Church and the people. Our leading brethren of the itinerancy, and even some of our Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, both North and South, have been brought to take cognizance of our organization and work, and to recognize our class as a "mighty moral power" in the great field of American Methodism.

Meeting with endorsements from such sources, and especially from the Great Head of the Church, in the glorious revivals of religion and outpouring of his spirit that have almost invariably followed our Conferences, we have great reason, brethren, to thank God and take courage.

And now, brethren, having little else to say, and not being willing to fill up my address with useless exclamations and unmeaning invocations, by your permission, I will venture to give this body a few suggestions as to the special departments of Christian labor to which I conceive we are specially called by our peculiar relation to the Church.

And first among these, I place the revival of class meetings in all the congregations we serve.

When the General Conference changed the rule so, that attendance upon class-meetings was not necessarialy a test of membership in the M. E. Church, South, a stab was given to the vitality of the church which has made piety an invalid to this day.

I will be pardoned in honestly making the assertion that, popular sentiment, the want of a deeper spirituality, and an unfitness in the servants of our Lord Jesus Christ to meet and rebuke sin in the Church of our living God, were the potent reasons which led to this change. A high state of grace and Christian experience will never ignore the great spiritual benefits derived from the class-meetings. Here, then, brethren, we may without any legal restrictions, wield an instrument of incalulable good. Let us make it a rule always to hold a class meeting when we preach. In this way we may soon rekindle the smouldering embers of Christian piety in our own poor hearts, and set our congregations in a blaze of heavenly love.

In the second place, I regard the Sunday-school as a wise, prolific field "already white to the harvest," which has thrown open all its doors and invites us to enter and do great work for the Master. Our regular Sabbath appointments may prohibit us from becoming superintendents in any particular school, yet we can recognize, visit and encourage a Sunday-school at each of our regular Sabbath appointments.

And my beloved brethren, eternity alone will reveal the amount of good we may do in this work.

The time has come when all our denominations of Christians must supply their churches principally from their own families and Sunday-schools. The denomination of Christians that fails to husband its resources, may expect to diminish in numbers and decline in spiritual power. Here, then is one of our fields of Christian effort.

In the third place, I would call your attention, brethren, to the fact that the educational interests of North Carolina are extensively in the hands of the local Methodist ministry; and that a wide field of Christian labor spreads out before us.

Whatever may have been said in the past in regard to the want of education in the Methodist ministry, the time has come when the preachers of our denomination, local and itinerant, can compare favorably with those of any other persuasion. Many of our local preachers are teachers and professors in the high schools, academies and collegies of the State; and some of the most prosperous institutions of the State are wholly controlled by Local Methodist ministers.

As Local ministers, having an established relation to our respective communities, we have it in our power, in a great measure, to shape and mould the moral features of our State Public Schools. We should feel it to be a duty, as guardians of public moral interests, to exert our influence in selecting Christian teachers in all the public schools of our respective communities.

As a fourth sphere of local service, I would point to the missionary field of Christian effort, and bid all my dear local brethren, rise and go forward to grand achievments. Most of us are too poor to give much money to this glorious cause, but we can give ourselves "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God." We can "go out into the hedges and highways and compel them to come in." We can afford to labor in the field, the shop, behind the counter, or in the schoolroom during the week, if God will only meet us in the great congregation on Sunday and bless our feeble effort. I would also suggest the propriety of so changing our Local Constitution that we can have District Local Conferences.

If we are imitating our itinerant brethren in holding an Annual Local Conference, I can see no impropriety in having District Conferences. In fact, viewing the state of finances of most of our local brethren, there seems to be a great reason that we should hold them. Most of our good brethren are too poor to attend our Annual Local Conferences, held as they are in different and remote parts of the State; where as if we had District Conferences, designed especially for the local brethren of each district, but left free for all to attend who could do so greater good might be done.

This change, however, would involve the necessity for this body at each annual meeting, to name some brother in each Presiding Elder's district, to hold the District Conference of the succeeding year.

In conclusion, dear brethren, I would beg the hearty co-operation of all our members in the great temperance reform of the day. Here all may find abundance of labor and sufficient area of territory, without the possibility of friction or conflict.

If there has been a time when the various forces of the church should unite against a common foe, that time is now, and that foe is intemperance. Our friends are being misled, our sons are in great danger of being swept away by this stream of death, and our daughters exposed to the possibility of becoming the wives of debauched and sottish men. Our local force may do much to arrest this great evil. We should form temperance organizations, and by all means be a member of some order ourselves.

May great great grace rest upon the church of God in all its departments, and may our class of useful, Christian workers never grow less.

On motion the usual committee on divine services was appointed consisting of S. V. Hoyle, H. C. Thomas and S. D. Franklin.

On motion of S. D. Franklin the sessions of the Conference were fixed at 9, a. m., and adjourn at 11 for divine services; meet at 4, p. m., and adjourn at will.

Isaac N. Mann was announced to preach at night, and S. D. Franklin, at 11, a. m., tomorrow.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FRIDAY, 9, A. M.

The Conference convened at the appointed hour and services were held by J. H. White.

The minutes were read and approved.

The President's address, by request, was re-read, and on motion, R. H. Whitaker was appointed to report a resolution in reference to that part of the address refering to Temperance; Solomon Pool, in reference to Education; and Isaac N. Mann, in reference to class-meetings.

The following letter of credentials was read from Rev. Marshall McIlhany, Secretary of Texas L. P. Conference:

LAMPASAS, TEXAS, July 19th, 1885.

This certifies that the Rev. David Coulson, of the San Antonio Station, San Antonio, Texas, is the duly accredited delegate of the Texas Local Preachers' Conference to the North Carolina Local Preachers' Conference, which is to meet at Thomasville, N. C., July 23, 1885.

MARSHALL MCILHANY, *Sec. T. L. P. Con.*

P. S. We take pleasure in the further statement, that brother Coulson is now, and has been from the beginning, the President of our Conference.

M. MCILHANY.

S. V. Hoyle and Levi Branson were appointed to wait on Rev. David Coulson, Fraternal Delegate, and President of the Texas Local Preachers' Conference.

Dr. Coulson was introduced and entertained the Conference with graphic descriptions of the Texas Local Preachers' Conference, giving much valuable information as to the working of Methodism throughout his state. He also gave an interesting account of Centenary College at Lampasas, and of the "LOCAL PREACHER," the official organ of his Conference.

The following offerred by R. H. Whitaker was passed and refered to the committee on Memorials:

WHEREAS, the law of the church which makes it the duty of the Quarterly Conference to depose a Local Preacher if the complaint of non-acceptibility is established against him, is in the opinion of this conference, not only unfair but unjust to the Local ministry as a class, unless the law defined in specific terms what constitutes that degree of non-acceptability which in the language of the discipline makes a man "no longer useful in his work:"

Resolved, that a committee, appointed by this conference, be requested to prepare a memorial letter to the General Conference, respectfully requesting that body to so amend the Discipline as that Local Preachers shall not be deposed for non-acceptability unless the Annual Conference shall also be required to depose itinerants for the same reason.

R. H. Whitaker was announced to preach at night.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FRIDAY, 4, P. M.

The Conference assembled at the time appointed. Religious exercises were had by David L. Schively.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion of R. H. Whitaker, the following were appointed a memorial committee for the purpose of conferring with a similar committee already appointed by the Texas Local Preachers' Conference, and presenting a joint memorial to the General Conference, to meet next year: Levi Branson, Solomon Pool, S. D. Franklin, R. L. Abernethy, W. A. Brame, R. H. Whitaker, J. H. White.

On motion of Levi Branson, David Love Schively was made a member of this conference.

The following paper sent in by J. H. Jefferson was refered to the committee on Memorials:

1st. The Local preachers ought to be exempt from assessments to pay the salary of the preachers in charge.

2. The Local preacher ought to have the privilege of taking up collections in the congregation he serves for the benefit of indigent Local Preachers.

3. That the General Conference be requested to so change the rules of the church, in regard to the trial of Local Preachers that they may be amenable to the District Conference instead of the Quarterly Conference.

On motion the Conference proceeded to fix the place for holding its next session. Fayetteville and Rutherford College were put in nomination, both places having signified a desire to entertain the conference next year.

Dr. Abernethy proposed the College as the place, and that a camp-meeting be held at the same time, which proposition was accepted, and the time left open to be fixed by the President and Secretary

A letter was read from Rev. R. H. H. Burnett, editor of the "LOCAL PREACHER," of Lampasas, Texas, offering that paper as the organ of our conference.

On motion the letter was refered to the committee on Periodicals. The President appointed R. H. Whitaker, Solomon Pool, D. D., and S. D. Franklin said committee.

On motion of S. D. Franklin, 5, P. M., on Saturday was designated as the time for election of officers.

Brother Schively sung several of his soul-stirring songs and the conference adjourned to meet at 4 p. m.

David Coulson of San Antonio, Texas, was announced to preach at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

SATURDAY, 9, A. M.

Conference assembled pursuant to adjournment, S. D. Franklin in the chair. I. N. Mann opened with religious services. The minutes were read and corrected.

The committee on Classmeetings reported and the report was adopted as follows:

ON CLASS-MEETINGS.

Having been appointed a committee on that part of the President's address refering to class-meetings I submit the following: *Whereas*, we fear that there is in many places in our church a tendency to formality and worldliness,

And, *Whereas*, we believe class-meetings to be a means of promoting spirituality and religious enjoyment, therefore,

Resolved, that we encourage class-meetings and that when deemed prudent and proper we will hold them at our appointments.

Respectfully submitted, I. N. MANN.

The committee on Education reported as follows:

ON EDUCATION.

Resolved, that we recognize still the great importance of education, and believe that the culture of the heart should always keep pace with that of the head. We therefore point with pride to the various high schools and colleges controlled by our christian educators. Especially do we commend to the patronage of our people, Rutherford College, for males and females, and Greensboro Female College, for females, both ably presided over by members of this Conference. The former of these is doing a work second to none in the South, in the exellcent thoroughness of its work, and the broad and almost boundless liberality it has dispensed. S. POOL.

Report unanimously adopted.

A letter was presented from Frank Sanford of Rockingham, and was refered to the committee on Memorials to General Conference.

The committee on Temperance reported as follows, which was adopted unanimously:

ON TEMPERANCE.

In purmenance of the action of this body appointing me to present a resolution on the subject of Temperance, for consideration at this session, I respectfully submit the following:

Whereas, the word of God teaches that drunkenness is a sin, and experience and observation prove,beyond a doubt,that moderate drinking is but the fore-runner of drunkenness: and

Whereas, it is also plainly taught us in the word of God that we should touch not, taste not, handle not that which is sinful, and that, as disciples of Christ we should abstain from the appearance of evil, therefore,

Resolved, that we will, as ministers of God, refrain from the use of all intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, and that we will, in all our ministrations endeavor to inculcate among the people the principles of total abstinence; and, and to this end, we hereby reaffirm the resolutions of our last session to be found on pages six and seven of last year.

R. H. WHITAKER.

David Coulson of Texas was again called out and entertained the Conference with information from the Texas L. P. Conference. He stated that without the N. C. Local Conference the Texas conference would have existed. He reported Centenary College in prosperous condition, and, also assured this conference that the LOCAL PREACHER would do us good work if adopted by us as our organ, and agreed to be responsible for any losses sustained.

D. L. Schively reported as an evangelist—has labored all the year, in and around Raleigh, aiding in song service and also has visited several places in other parts of the State, aiding revival meetings.

R. H. Whitaker was announced to deliver a temperance address at night. Conference adjoured to 4 p. m.

SATURDAY 4, P. M.

Conference met at the time appointed, S. D. Franklin in the chair· Solomon Pool, D. D., opened the Conference with singing and prayer.

The report on Periodicals was presented and adopted unanimously as follows:

ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee to which has been refered the subject of our church literature, respectfully report:

That to the "Local Preacher," published at Lampassas, Texas, and the "Spirit of the Age, published in Raleigh, N. C., we point with pride as excellent papers, edited by Local Preachers. We heartily recommend them to the patronage of all our people, and especially to the members of this Conference. We also refer with pleasure to the Nashville "Christian Advocate, the Raleigh "Christian Advocate" and other excellent periodicals under the management of our Church.

R. H. WHITAKER,
SOLOMON POOL,
S. D. FRANKLIN,
} Committee.

Correspondence was read as follows:

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, N. C., June 12th, 1885.

Bishop McTyeire, D.D.: My dear sir, as President of the Local Ministers Conference of North Carolina, in behalf of my Local brethren and my humble self, I give you a most cordial invitation to attend and preside at our next Conference, which will convene in Thomasville, N. C., on Thursday the 23d of July, 1886.

We have been organized and working for fifteen years, and we would be pleased to have a Bishop look in upon us once, to see whether we are *loyal* or not. Yours truly, R. L ABERNETHY.

P. S. I am 63 years old and would be pleased to make your personal acquaintance. R. L. A.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, June 20th 1885:—My dear Brother Abernethy, your noble work, in giving free education to the needy; and sound education to all, has long since had my attention and my admiration.

You are my senior by three years, and there is no hope of my overtaking you; but, I follow hard after you.

Much would I enjoy being with the Local preachers at their Thomasville meeting. But it is out of my plans now, and even my power. I thank them and you, their able President for an invitation.

The Lord cause the old glory to revive and rest upon them, and upon us all. Your friend and brother, H. N. MCTYEIRE.

On motion of Levi Branson, Solomon Pool, D. D., was elected fraternal delegate and R. L. Abernethy, D. D., alternate to the Texas Local Preachers' Conference to be held at Corsicana in October of 1886.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President	S. D. Franklin.
1st Vice President	R. H. Whitaker.
2d Vice President	I. N. Mann.
3d Vice President	J. A. Belk.
Financial Secretary	Levi Branson.

Delegates to the next Conference were elected as follows:

Raleigh District—Dr. B. F. Dixon, D. P. Meacham.
Hillsboro District—I. N. Mann, Alexander Walker.
Greensboro District—A. G. Kirkman, J. E. Petree.
Trinity Col. District—Prof. W. H. Pegram, W. A. Brame.
Salisbury District—A. K. Murchison, W. P. Williams.
Statesville District—T. S. Whittington, J. P. Nicholson.
Shelby District—Reuben Washburn, W. H. England.
Charlotte District—Hosea Hale, Dr. J. F. Jones.
Fayetteville District—S. R. Trawick, D. N. McLean.
Wilmington District—J. H. Tart, J. W. Craig.
Newbern District—W. J. Gay, G. D. Langston.

Warrenton Dist.—G. W. Heptinstall, J. W. Heptinstall.
Washington Dist.—B. H. Hearne, Charles M. Cooke.
Albemarle Dist.—W. W. Kennedy, J. S. Chatman.
Asheville Dist.—L. M. Pease, Robert Penland.
Franklin Dist.—Dr. W. H. Jenkins, William Ward.

The Financial Secretary's report was read and unanimously adopted as follows:

LEVI BRANSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

TO N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, DR.

To balance from 1884	$ 12 58
To cash received of J. H. White	1 00
" " W. S. Brown	1 00
" " W. S. Davis	2 50
" " R. W. Stafford	2 00
" " Isaac N. Mann	1 00
" " Solomon Pool	2 50
" " S. D. Franklin	50
" " D. L. Schively	50
" " J. W. Burton	1 00
" " Hezekiah Farrow	2 00
" " Edward E. Smith	1 00
" " Solomon Lea	50
" " Hardy Sanders	1 00
" " W. P. Williams	1 00
" " N. McN. Smith	1 00
" " J. B. Floyd	50
" " A. F. Atkins	1 00
" " Ruben Washburn	1 00
" " D. V. York	25
" " A. E. Bobbitt	1 00
" " A. G. Kirkman	1 00
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	$37 00

By 400 Minutes	$25 00	
By postage on Minutes	3 50	
By 300 circular blanks	2 00	
By postage on circulars	3 00	
By amount paid for stationery	3 00	
By postage on correspondence	50	
		$37 00

The Secretary read to the Conference the following

WRITTEN REPORTS.

Brantley York D. D. Elder, has preached about 40 sermons, and frequently lectured to Sunday-schools—was seriously hurt, and has been in poor health—is now in his 81st year and does not expect to be able to continue long in the field of labor, but desires to bear some fruit even in old age.

Solomon Lea, L. E., has 4 regular appointments, has preached 52 sermons, delivered 8 Sabbath school addresses, held 12 prayermeetings, baptized 8 and received 5 into the church, sends 50cts for minute fund.

Dr. J. S. Reagan, L. E. has 2 regular appointments, has preached 40 sermons, held prayer meetings and is interested in the success of Local Preachers, but his large practice does not permit him to leave home at the time of our conference.

W. S. Davis, Elder, is in charge of Durham Station as a supply, and hence cannot attend this session of the conference—sends $2.50 to minute fund.

W. H. Cunninggim, Elder, would like to attend the Local Conference if he can spare the time and expense. Local Preachers get no salary.

A. E. Bobbitt, Elder, has preached 20 sermons, and held 10 prayer-meetings, is in full sympathy with the conference and prays the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our labors—incloses $1.00 for minute fund.

R. M. Stafford, L. D. has preached nearly every Sabbath. The last Annual Conference discontinued Dan River Mission; he took up the work—five appointments, has a Sabbath school at each one—has held a number of prayer meetings and made many pastoral visits; incloses $2.00 for minute fund.

A. M. Long, Elder, has had 3 regular appointments—has preached some 35 or 40 sermons—prays blessings on the Local Conference.

D. N. McLean, L. P., has two regular appointments, has preached 38 times,

D. V. York, L. P., has 1 regular appointment, has preached 30 times, has organized 1 Sabbath school, and held 4 prayer meetings,—incloses 25cts, for minute fund.

R. B. Gilliam, E. has had 9 regular appointments, has preached 125 sermons, organized 2 Sabbath schools, and 1 new congregation; has baptized 17, and received 80 members into the church—is deeply interested in the Local Preachers' Conference; is satisfied that the movement is pregnant with blessings.

W. H. England, Elder, has preached 32 sermons, held 2 prayer meetings, baptized 7 persons, and received 4 persons into the church—sends warm greetings to all the Local brethren.

Frank Sanford, Elder, has 3 regular appointments, preaches every Sunday, and sometimes 2 or 3 times a week—has organized two Sabbath schools, held numerous prayer meetings, baptized 25 persons.

Wm. Lowe, Deacon, has 1 regular appointment, has preached 35 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath school, held 12 prayer meetings, held 1 protracted meeting, 12 accessions to the church.

Reuben Washburn, D., has had 1 regular appointment and preached 10 or 12 sermons—sends $1 for minute fund.

Lewis Phillips, Elder, has 3 regular appointments, has preached 60 sermons and held 25 prayer meetings, aids the pastor at his meetings—in visiting the sick—and in every way possible to advance the good work.

J. B. Floyd D, has 2 regular appointments, has preached 80 sermons—sends 50cts for minute fund.

P. A. Massey, L. P., has had 2 regular appointments and preached about 30 sermons; aided in keeping up the monthly prayer meeting and the Sabbath schools.

William Cole, L. P., has 2 regular appointments, has preached 18 sermons and assisted in several prayer meetings.

M. A. Holler, D., has 3 regular appointments, preached 23 sermons, organized 2 Sabbath schools; held 12 prayer meetings and baptized 5 persons.

Joseph Paul, L. P., has had 1 regular appointment, has held 5 prayer-meetings and is a regular Sunday-school worker.

N. McN. Smith, Elder, has had 3 regular appointments, preached about 50 sermons and organized 1 Sabbath school, has had a pleasant year's work sends one dollar for minute fund.

W. P. Williams, Elder, has preached 36 sermons, baptized 5 children assis'e l his pastor in visiting the sick and burying the dead, has lectured on the morals of Masonry during the year and in various ways done all he could to advance the Redeemer's kingdom; prays that the conference may be a time of refreshing; sends $1 for minute fund.

James H. Whidbee has been much engaged in the work of church building, has kept no regular report of work done.

Nathan O. Payne, L. P., has 1 regular appointment, has preached 45 sermons, has organized 1 Sabbath school and held 10 prayer meetings.

J. H. Roberts, D., has 2 regular appointments, has preached 25 sermons and organized 2 Sabbath schools, is doing all he can for the Master, and hopes a grand success for the Local Conference.

A. K. Murchison, D., has 1 regular appointment, has preached 9 sermons and organized 1 Sabbath school, has been engaged chiefly in Sunday school work during this year.

D. E. Warlick, L. P. is near 79 years old, has preached 3 sermons this year, perhaps his work is nearly done, is resigned to the will of God, feels much interest in the conference.

W. S. Gibbs, L. D., has 2 regular appointments, has preached 50 sermons, has organized 2 Sabbath schools, baptized 1 and received 2 into the church, had a long spell of sickness during the spring, desires to do more another year.

Mack G. Davenport L. P., has had 2 regular appointments, has preached 30 sermons, held 8 prayer meetings and received 25 into the church, feels great interest in the Local Conference.

Jackson Townsend, L. D., has had 4 monthly appointments, preached 45 sermons, baptized 1 and received 1 into the church.

Robert S. Abernethy, L. P., has preached 19 sermons and held 2 prayer meetings at churches and quite a number at other places; loves the cause and feels deep interest in the L. M. Conference.

Wm. F. Ashley, L. P., has preached 50 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath school and held 10 prayer meetings; feels much interest in the success of our conference.

Hardy Sanders L. E., is 78 years old and quite infirm, has preached 5 sermons, incloses $1.00 for the minute fund; would be glad to be able to attend the conference.

H. M. Bennett has had 3 regular appointments, has preached 20 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath school and held 4 prayer meetings.

N. Sidney Norton, L. D., has had 2 regular appointments and preached 125 sermons, has organized 1 Sabbath school.

E. E. Smith, sends $1.00 for minute fund, feels greatly interested about the work of the Local conference.

HICKSFORD, GREENVILLE COUNTY, VA. July 11th 1885:—Dear Brother Branson, enclosed find $2.00. I cannot well reach our conference: say to my most worthy brethren my heart is with them in their noble work. I have been doing the best I could through the past year. For the last three months I have been within the bounds of the Virginia conference. I am yet selling religious books. I find abundant more appointments to preach and labor here than in North Carolina. I preach nearly every Sabbath, sometimes address Sabbath schools and have constant requests

to preach for the people. I find the good people over here so far, very hospitable, easy and respectful, and while I labor with and for them God fills my poor heart with his love. My health is good and I feel encouraged. I am decided by God's grace to meet you all in Heaven. My heart feels warm with love toward you while I pencil you these lines. I hope to have your prayers and brotherly love. The most of us are rapidly nearing our Father's House. May God help us all to find each other there; please reply to Hicksford, Greenville County, Va.

Most affectionately yours, H. FARROW.

STANLEY COUNTY, N. C., July 3rd, 1885—Brother Branson: I received your notice of the Local Preachers' Conference and am sorry to say that I cannot conveniently attend. I am getting so old that I could not well stand the trip. I depend on the pastors to attend to all the ordinances of the church, my chief business is to preach as much as I well can. I suppose I have preached forty of fifty sermons in the last twelve months. I preach many funeral sermons and marry many couples. I still love to preach, and love the good cause, love the brotherhood and I trust I love God supremely and am anticipating the heavenly rest. I want you all to pray for me that I may hold out faithful to the end. Enclosed I send one dollar to be applied to printing and distributing the minutes of the conference. I am as ever your brother in Christ.

A. F. ATKINS.

GREENSBORO FEMALE COLLEGE, June 16th, 1885—Brother Branson: I expect to attend the educational meeting at Black Mountain this week. This will prevent my being present at the Local Ministers' Conference. I regret that, for several years, my engagements have not allowed me the pleasure of meeting with you. My professional duties are such that I have had but little time for my ministerial labors. Wishing you a successful and profitable meeting. I am, very sincerely, T. M. JONES.

P. S. Will aid as you suggest.

Report—preached about 1 sermon per month and sustained one Sabbath school in the college.

A. G. Kirkman has preached 12 funeral sermons—about 40 sermons in all, assisted his pastor at 7 protracted meetings (8 weeks) at which there were over 200 converts—is in full sympathy with the Local brethren and sends $1 on minute fund.

R. L. Abernethy, D. D., Elder has preached nearly every Sabbath, and sometimes twice a day, has baptized 67 children and adults, has controlled during the year 233 students in the college, 73 of whom have received free tuition—desires the continued countenance and support of the Local brethren, and continues to offer free tuition to their sons and daughters.

William Ward, preached to the convicts for 6 months, preaches every Sunday now in the churches around Asheville.

Stokes D. Franklin, L. E., has had 3 regular appointments, preached 45 sermons, organized 1 Sunday school, held a number of prayer meetings and received 8 into the church, is in charge of Marvin Chapel in the city of Winston.

Wilson Atwater, L. E., is now 88 years old, almost helpless, is rich in faith and only waiting for the summons to come up higher.

John C. Pegram, L. P. has had 3 regular appointments and preached 20 sermons.

The following offered by Solomon Pool was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: That the thanks of this conference are due and hereby

extended to the railroads for courtesies shown, and also to the citizens and families of Thomasville, who have so kindly and generously entertained our members during the session.

R. H. Whitaker, was announced to address a mass-meeting at night on the subject of Temperance. (This meeting was held with great success, and a lodge of 45 members organized.)

Solomon pool, D. D., was announced to preach at 11 a. m. on Sabbath and Levi Branson at night.

The doxology was sung, and after benediction by the President, the conference adjourned to meet at Rutherford College August 19th, (Thursday) 1886, at which time and place a great Tabernacle Meeting is to be held, lasting 12 days and embracing two Sabbaths.

STOKES D. FRANKLIN, *President*,
LEVI BRANSON, *Secretary*.

OBITUARIES

REV. WM. B. MANESS, was born March 23, 1838, and died February 11th, 1885, in his 47th year. He was a man of God, and the history of his life is the story of a hard struggle against fearful odds, to fill his station in the church and in the world. He was a travelling preacher 11 years, and local preacher about 14 years. He did much faithful work on laborious circuits, located in 1881, and died in February 1885, a faithful and triumphant local preacher. He was buried at New Heron church in Surry County.

TINSON YOUNG EURE, was born in Gates county, N. C., May 8th, 1808, was converted and joined the Methodist church at Herretts in October 1829, and made a class leader soon after, and the next year was licensed to exhort and to preach. He was ordained deacon at Louisburg October 30th, 1842, and died February 20th, 1885. He was almost a life-long class leader. He lived well, preached well, did great good, and died victoriously.

REV. JAMES B. BALLARD, a Local minister on Mt. Gilead circuit died in great peace March 25th, 1885, in his 83rd year. He was for about 60 years a professor of religion and for over 50 years a faithful local minister in the Methodist church. He was a good plain, strong Bible preacher and labored faithfully almost to the last day of his life. He believed in and preached a Holy Ghost religion. He has entered on a glorious reward.

P. B. C. Smith of Mt. Pleasant, a Local Preacher well known and beloved, died October 25th 1883, in the triumph of gospel faith. His memory is precious.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SEC. 1. This body shall be known as the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference, and shall be governed by this Constitution and such by-laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the Discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC, 1. The membership of this Conference shall consist of two delegates from each Presiding Elder's District and such other Local Preachers as may be present and recognized by the Conference.

SEC. 2. The delegates and alternates to this Conference shall be elected each year by this Conference for the succeeding Conference and any vacancies which may occur during the year shall be filled by the President.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an Annual Address or Sermon and enforce a strict obedience to the constitution and by-laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distrubution of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4. The officers of this Conference shall constitute a finance committee, the President being chairman, which committee shall direct the application of all the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the minutes shall be applied annually to the relief of such members and families of the members, as the Financial Committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ART. V. The constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

COURSE FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

The Bible, History and Biography.
The Discipline.
Binney's Theological Compend.
Wesley's Sermons on Justification, and on the Witness of the Spirit.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE.

Preacher's Text-Book.
Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary.
Watson's Institutes.
Ruter's Gregory's Church History.
Catechism on Church Government

FOR ELDERS' ORDERS.

The Bible—Doctrines.
The Discipline.
Manual of Discipline.
Watson's Institutes.
Wesley's Sermons.
Smith's Elements of Divinity.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE.

Paine's Life of McKendree.
Prelatical Succession Examined
Watson's Life of Wesley.
Watson's Sermons.
Clark's Commentary.
Summers on Gospels and Acts.
Wheedon's Commentary.

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Name.	Post Office.
RALEIGH DISTRICT.	
J. F. Butt, E,	Raleigh
W. J. W. Crowder, L,	"
R. H. Whitaker, L,	"
D. P. Meacham, E,	"
Levi Branson, E, D.D.	"
Wm. Byrd, E,	Clayton
J. H. Burt, L,	Holly Springs
A. N. Betts, E,	Apex
Benj. H. Hester, E,	Oxford
Dr. B. F. Dixon, E,	"
W. S. Hester, E,	"
J. W. York, E,	"
T. L. D. Smith, D,	Louisburg
W. H. Hester,	Henderson
J. B. Floyd, D,	Wilton
D. L. Schively,	Raleigh
DURHAM DISTRICT.	
W. H. Cuninggim, E,	Chapel Hill
I. N. Mann, E,	Bynums
A. H. Perry,	Pittsboro
Jonas Stuart,	Chalk Level
W. H. Thompson, E,	Oaks
L. E. Thompson, D,	"
Alex. Walker, D,	Durham
W. R. Webb, E,	Roxboro
Solomon Lea, E,	Leasburg
J. B. Long, E,	Grove
John Pogue, E,	Hillsboro
P. H. Massey, L,	Patterson's Mills
W. A. Forbes, L,	Roxboro
GREENSBORO DISTRICT.	
T. M. Jones, D. D. E,	Greensboro
R. M. Stafford, L,	"
A. G. Kirkman L,	Friendship
E. A. Craven,	Kemp's Mills
B. F. Coffin	"
R. Gretter,	Moffits "
Amos Gregson, E,	Randleman
Prof. Pegram, E,	Trinity College
J. J. Setliff, D,	Rusk
S. D. Franklin, E.	Winston
J. H. White, E,	"
John Alspaugh, E,	Mt. Tabor
J. H. Jefferson E,	Winston
Bonner E. Marsh, D,	Mt. Gilead
J. E. Petree, D,	Mt Tabor
J. B. Doub,	Vienna
S. Long, E,	Salem
S. S. Clemons,	Walkertown
Martin Jones,	"
P. H. Joyner, E,	Trinity College
W. A. Brame, E,	"
Newton Doub, L,	Vienna
J. C. Mock, L,	"
Daniel Field, E,	Leaksville
Joseph Miller, D,	Salem
Solomon Pool, D. D.,	Winston
W. A. Barrentine,	Greensboro
J. H. Anderson,	Reidsville
W. A. Waymick,	"
S. A. Cecil,	High Point
B. York, D. D., E,	New Salem
D. V. York,	"
J. . Burton,	Thomasville
SAILSBURY DISTRICT.	
I. M. Shaver, E,	Parmerville
C. Plyler, E,	Concord
A. K. Murchison, E,	Farmington
Vincent Walker, E,	Calahan
Daniel Potts	Shady Grove
Jacob Sheek, E,	Smith Grove
A. F. Atkins, E,	Albemarle
Daniel Lauder, L,	"
Simpsom, L,	Concord
STATESVILLE DISTRICT.	
Robt. M. Taylor,	Mt. Airy
G. W. Fisher,	Mountain Creek
J. A. Sherrill, E,	" "
M. A. Abernethy	Catawba
David Brown	Mooresville
Martin A. Holler	Hudsonville
J. S. Helton,	Lenoir
Dr. D. F. Holcomb, D,	Rockford
R. G. Green,	Jonesville
Wesley Johnson,	Francisco
W. L. C. Killian,	Lenoir
N. H, Kaylor,	Patterson
Will A. Nelson,	Statesville
W. L. Stamy,	Newton
M. H. Long,	Yadkinville
D. A. Lanier,	Lenoir
J. M. Matthews	Yadkinville
J. S. Montgomery,	Lenoir
T. A. Nicholson, E,	Eagle Mills
Dr. J. P. Nicholson, E,	"
W. T. Needham,	Bliss
Jesse Needham,	"
James Needham,	"
A. M. Long,	Culler
Isaac Norman,	Westfield
N. S. Norton,	Taylorsville
J. A. Bush	Lenoir
J. A. Sherrill,	"
John Rush,	Wilkesboro
E. E. Smith,	Settle
W. P. Williams, E.	Davidson Col.

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Names.	Post Office.
T. S. Whittington, E,	East Bend
Dr. P. C. Jurney, E,	- Olin
F. S. Starrette D,	Love Lady
SHELBY DISTRICT.	
A. M England.	- Sunshine
J. T. Hoyle,	- Camp Creek
L. L. Smith,	- - Shelby
N. H. Haynes,	- "
J. A. Lee,	- Holly Bush
Josiah Morris	- Gardner's Ford
Robert Ledford, L,	- "
Carter Bennett,	Rutherfordton
Reuben Washburn,	Oak Spring
P. D. Moore,	- Duncan's Creek
Pitts,	- - Marion
W. H. England,	- Nebo
M. L. Kaylor,	- Marion
R. L. Abernethy, D.D,	Ruth'd Col
R. S. Abernethy,	Rutherford Col
J. A. Belk,	- - " "
T. A. Dorsey	- Morganton
F. R. Kaylor,	- - "
J. N. Payne,	- - - "
A. N. Wells,	- Mt Holly
D. P. Good,	- Happy Home
Decater F. Morrow, D,	Mill Spring
J. K. Lee,	- Rutherford College
J. B Nogle	- " "
B. F. Fincher,	- " "
L. A. Falls,	" "
W. . Devault	- " "
M. T. Steele	- " "
Julius Kennedy,	North Brook
D. E. Warlick,	Jacob's Fork
Robert Helton	" "
Franklin J. Hoke,	Linconlon
CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.	
J. W. bernethy, E	Matthews
F. S. Ellington, D	Mint Hill
B, S. Ferrell, L	Charlotte
Hosea Hale. D.	Matthews
T W. Kendall,	Monroe
J. C. New, L	Lilesville
Dr. J. T Jones, L	Clear Creek
Elias Overcash, L	Charlotte
S. C. Pharr, D. D., E	"
S. R. Trawick, E	Shoe Heel
J. B. Tarlton, D	Matthews
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.	
John Pegram, L	Chalk Level
James Cain	Athens
Lewis Phillips, E	Fair Haven
Hardy Sanders, E	Big Oak
John S, Pool	Troy

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James A. Covington, E	"
Frank Sanford E	"
J. C Smith, L	"
Leonard Webb	Dudo
Neill McN Smith. E	Laurinburg
Neill M. Ray	Laurel Hill
Jackson Townsend	Lumberton
P. J Wray, E	Chalk Level
David McNeill E	Broadway
D. N. McLean, E	Fayetteville
Love Calbreth, E	Blockers
Miles Mercer, L	Lumberton
Joseph Paul, L	"
T. M Henly,	Cedar Hill
John Hutchinson,	Polkton
Thos. C. Lovin,	Gibson's Mills
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.	
Joshua Johnson	Ammon
S. H. Guyton,	Council Station
Geo B. Andrews,	Shallotte
Wm. C. Furgu on	Smithville
Benj. Williams	Supply
Thos. B Hall	Dismal
L. M Curtis	Ingold
—Marlow	"
—Long	"
Owen Johnson	Herringsville
Owen Spell	Dismal
Josiah Sutton	Burnett's X Roads
J. H. Tar	Fair Bluff
J. W. Craig	Wilmington
—Cox	Elizabethtown
NEWBERNE DISTRICT.	
J. Alonzo Edwards	Hookerton
G. E. Langston	Aurora
Dr. E. L. Perkins, E	Newport
John Rumley, E	Beaufort
David W. Porter, L	Swift Creek
Samue W. Ormond, E	Hookerton
Morris Howell,	Goldsboro
J. T. Brogden	"
Gray C Garris,	Fremont
W J Gray,	Wilson
Prof, G W. Neal, E	Newberne
W. B. Hancock, L	Beaufort
J. B. Webb. E	Kinston
R B. Gilliam, L	"
Henry Powell, D	Vanceboro
Wm. R Wine, D	"
WARRENTON DISRRICT.	
E. A. Bobbitt, E	Cedar Rock
G. A. Rose,	Manson
J W. Heptinstall, E	Littleton
J. A. Kilpatrick,	"
G. W. Heptinstall, E	Enfield

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B. F. Long, D. D.	Warrenton
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N. O. Payne	"
J. H. Whidbee, L,	"
Hezekiah Farrow	Makelyville
M. A. Smith	Washington
Samuel Brown,	Bethel
O. P. Humber, E,	Greenville
Redding Moore, E.	"
B. H. Hearne, D	"
J. M. Watson, E,	Lake Landing
M. G. Davenport,	Bethel
Wm. Love,	Leachville
J. L. Cherry,	Williamston
W. H. Harrell,	Palmyra
Wm. R. Ware, D.	Plymouth
W. K. Eborne,	———
H. Powell	Washington
—Heath	———
Charles M. Cook, E	Tarboro
E. D. Hoover, E,	Avon
ALBERMARLE DISTRICT.	
Costin Jordan, E,	Sunbury
J. S. Chatman	Elizabeth City
W. W. Kennedy,	" "
G. S. Dutcher,	" "
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.	
W. F. Ashley,	Mouth of Buffalo
James Allison,	Old Fort
S. W. Brown	Sparta
G. Blackburn,	Elk X Roads
Wilburn Cole,	Scottsville
T. M. Cole,	Weaverville
J. V. Cordell,	Hominy Creek
A. F. English,	Davidson River
T. B. Felts,	Bakersville
T. M. Dula,	Democrat
William Gibbs,	Celo
T. F. Gibson,	Weaverville
C. M. Greer,	Horse Shoe
J. F. Gillespie,	Leceister
A. B. Hunter,	Weaverville
Thos. Huston,	Bald Creek
D. A. Huston,	Micaville
J. M. Hawkins,	Asheville
E. H. Hampton.	Burnsville
J. M. McCampbell	"
W. G. Miller,	Asheville
J. E. Neice,	Helton
L. M. Pease,	Asheville
Robert Penland,	Leicester
G. W. Penly,	Hominy
T. W. Roberts,	Laurel Branch
J. M. Romans,	Sparta
Dr. J. A. Reagan,	Weaverville
J. A. Reeves,	Cross Rock
T. P. Summers,	Asheville
John Sutherland,	Wearverville
J. L. Tilman,	Hendersonville
J. W. Vandiver,	Weaverville
Elihu Weaver,	Apple Grove
Ambrose Weaver,	"
William Ward,	Asheville
James Wagg,	Jefferson
N. G. Whittington,	Asheville
FRANKLIN DISTRICT.	
H. M. Rennett,	Cashier's Valley
Joshua Cole,	McBrides Mill
John Cole,	" "
Newton Combs,	" "
James Cooper,	Robinsville
Thomas Cooper,	"
Black Fox, (Indian)	Quallatown
C. B. Fugate	Cashier's Valley
P. P. McLean,	West's Mill's
George Osborne,	McBride's Mills
J. W. Patterson,	Murphy
B. R. Phillips,	Pigeon River
Dr. H. Jenkins	"
J. R. Lamb,	Warm Springs
H. A. Smathers,	Pigeon River
G. W. Spake,	Webster
C. Wolf (Indian)	Quallatown
J. Womack,	Franklin
W. Womack,	Mills Spring
N. F. Wiley,	" "
J. F. Littlejohn	" "

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening by the President.
2. Revising and correcting roll.
3. Address of the President.
4. Appointment of committees.
5. Reading written reports.
6. Verbal reports of delegates.
7. Selecting delegates.
8. Discuss plans for increased usefulness.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Select place for next meeting.
11. Election of officers.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Benediction.

ITINERANT MINISTERS, N. C. CONFERENCE.

Names.	Post Office.
Abernethy, J. T.	YorkCol.Instit'te
Adams, S. D., P. E.,	Carthage
Albea, W. N.	Winston
Allred, B. C.	Youngsville
Anderson, C. M.	Greenville
Arnold, J. D.	Henderson
Ashby, J. M.	Elkin
Avent, I. W.	Chalk Level
Bagby, W. M.	Statesville
Bagwell, J. T.	Winston
Bailey, J. B.	Lincolnton
Barrett, R. G.	Greensboro
Beaman, R. C.	Freemont
Becton, S. F.	- - - -
Belk, S. R.	Council Station
Best, M. T.	Yanceyville
Betts, A. D.	Trenton
Betts, J. R.	Mountain Island
Bishop, F. A.	Greenville
Black, W. S., P. E.	Raleigh
Blair, H. M.	China Grove
Bobbitt, W. H., P. E.	Salisbury
Bonner, T. P.	Littleton
Bone, T. A.	Oxford
Bowles, J. A.	Greensboro
Boyles, M. W.	Mount Gilead
Bristowe, J. E.	Hickory
Brooks, J. R.	Wilson
Brothers, C. C.	Columbia
Browning, T. J.	Smyrna
Bruton, D. R.	Reidsville
Bumpass, R. F.	Randleman
Burkhead, L. S.	Goldsboro
Burton, R. O.	Weldon
Buie, J. D.	Yanceyville
Butt, J. F.	Raleigh (supply)
Byrd, C. W.	Morehead
Call, W. H.	Washington
Callahan, G. W.	Morganton
Campbell, T. S.	Lexington
Carpenter, J. B.	Happy Home
Carpenter, J. D.	Lake Landing
Carraway, P. J., P. E.	Wilmington
Chaffin, W. S.	Jonesboro
Coffin, W. F.	Charlotte
Cole, J. N.	Ridgeway
Coltrane, N. E.	Oxford
Cordon, J. H.	Statesville
Craven, J. F.	Trap Hill
Crawford, L. W.	Newbern
Creasy, W. S.	Durham
Crisp, J. C.	Ashton
Crowson, W. J.	Cove
Culbreth, B. B.	Toisnot
Culbreth, Daniel	Raleigh
Cuninggim, J. A., P. E.	Greensboro
Cuninggim, W. L.	Raleigh
Cutchin, W. T.	Mt. Vernon Springs
Daily, T. J.	Rutherfordton
Davis, S. M.	Shelby
Davis, Wm. S.	Durham
Doub, W. B.	Carthage
Downum, J. M.	Whiteville
Durant, C. O.	Madison
Earnhardt, D. L.	Lexington
Edwards, T. H.	Mill Springs
Ellington, T. S.	Monroe
England, J. F.	Cleveland Mills
Eudaily, E. J.	Wilkesboro
Farrar, Gaston,	Carbonton
Finlayson, J. T.	Lumberton
Fisher, G. W.	Moravian Falls
Forbes, W. A.	Magnolia
Foy, Miles	Mount Airy
Futrell, D. A.	Franklinsville
Gannon, W. C.	Wadesboro
Gantt, A. G.	Kenasville
Gattis, T. J.	Tarboro
Gault, C. A.	Table Rock
Gay, J. E.	Lexington
Gentry, C. M.	Newton
Gibbons, H. H.	Mt. Olive
Gibbs, J. T.	Fayetteville
Giles, M. D.	Shelby
Gilliam, R. B.	Kinston
Godwin, C. W.	Whiteville
Green, J. A.	Big Lick
Greening, Philip	Rolesville
Gregson, Amos,	Durham
Griffith, J. R.	Roxboro
Grigg, J. J.	Fayetteville
Grissom, W. L.	Concord
Groome, P. L.	Mount Olive
Guthrie, J. O.	Williamstown
Guthrie, T. W., P. E.	Rockingham
Guyton, N. H.	Bunyan
Hales, W. S.	Fayetteville
Hall, B R.	Chapel Hill
Hall J. H	Little River Academy
Haltom, W. S.	Charlotte
Harris, J T., P. E	Goldsboro
Harrison, Z, T.	Nashville
Hartsell, J C	Stanley's Creek
Heitman, S F	Trinity College
Helsabeck, S. H.	Five Forks
Herman, P. L.	Snow Hill
Hightower, W. O.	Jonesboro
Holden, L J.	Warrenton
Holder, B B	Stanhope
Hooker, N. A.	Kinston
Hoover, E. D.	Straits

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Hornaday, J. A.	Shoe Heel	Puett, J. W	Yadkinville
Howland, Edward	Cary	Randall, J. O	——
Hoyle, M. H	Matthews	Raven, A. R.	Rocky Mount
Hoyle, R. M	Keeversville	Reeks, T. B.	Enfield
Hoyle, S. V.	Thomasville	Reid, F. L.	Raleigh
Hoyle, T. L.	Ayersville	Renn, J. J.	Franklinton
Hudson, H. T.	Shelby	Rhodes, J. M.	Littleton
Hunt, M. J.	Lewisville	Ricaud, T. P.	Washington
Hurley, John B	Charlotte	Robey, W. M.	Charlotte
Ivey, G. W.	Olin	Rollins, V. G.	——
Jenkins, J. W.	Lenoir	Rone, W. S.	Shelby
Jerome, C. P.	Cypress Creek	Rose, W. W.	LaGrange
John, R. B.	Chapel Hill	Round, G. F.	Mocksville
Johnson, L. L.	Company Shops	Rowe, J. C.	Lenoir
Jones, J. W.	Beaufort	Rush, Zebedee,	Albemarle
Jurney, N. M.	Kinston	Ryder, Oliver,	Winchester
Keen, J. L	Blockers	Sanford, Jonathan	Leesville
Keerans, I. F.	Sawyersville	Scroggs, J. R.	Walnut Cove
Kerdall, J. T.	Clinton	Shamberger, F. M.	Auman's Hill
King, C. W.	Custer	Sharpe, V. A., *P.* E.	Thomasville
Lee, J. A	Forest City	Sherrill, M. V.	Denver
Little, C. G.	Marion	Smith, C. W	Enochsville
Lovin, T. C	New Supply	Smith, M. A.	Manly
Lowe, A. M.	Catawba	Smith, T. W,	Salisbury
Lowe, Wm.	Swan Quarter	Snow, C. P.	Mount Airy
Lumly, J. M.	Gastonia	Soon, C. J., missionary to China,	Shanghai, China
Lyon, J. T.	Laurinburg	Stacy, *L.* E.	Gibson's Station
Mangum, A. W.	Chapel Hill	Stamey, F. W.	Albemarle
Mann, J. E.	Greensboro	Stephenson, R. T. N,	Pittsboro
Martin, J. B.	Chapel Hill	Stone, T. A.	Mocksville
May, Daniel	Elizabethtown	Swindell, F. D.	Monroe
McCall, F. B.	Clear Creek	Tart, J. H,	Fair Bluff
McCullen Alpheus	Louisburg	Taylor, R. M,	Lovelady
McFarland, M. M.	Smithville	Thomas, J. C,	Kernersville
Moore, M. H.	Ansonville	Thomas, M. C,	Apex
Moore, *W.* H., P, E.	Washington	Thompson, John E	Chalk Level
Moses, T. C.	Beaumont	Thompson, J. Erwin	Pineville
Nash, L. L.	Leasburg	Tillett, John	Pleasant Garden
Nelson, J. G.	Scotland Neck	Townsend, F. L,	Rockingham
Nelson, J. S, P. E.	Littleton	Towsend, *W.* H.	Mount Airy
Norman, W. C.	Raleigh	Triplett, T. L	Mooresville
North, J. W.	Davidson College	Troy, R. P,	Madison
North, W. B.	Weldon	Tuttle, D. H.	Wilmington
Oglesby, J. O.	Mount Pleasant	Tyer, A. *P.*	Mooresville
Page, J. H.	Rockingham	Underwood, J. E	Knap of Reeds
Peeler, S. D.	Kernersville	Ware, W, R.	Plymouth
Pegram, T. H	Winston	Warlick, R L	Clinton
Pegram, J. Y.	——	Washburn, J. F.	Goldsboro
Peel, E. L.	Fairfield	Watkins, D. A,	Hawley's Store
Pepper, O. M.	Mount Gilead	Watkins, W. H.	Albemarle
Perry, G.	Lassiter's Mills	Webb, R. S,	Wadesboro
Pool, Solomon	Smithfield	Wheeler, Jas W	King's Mountian
Pope, Erskine	Clinton	Wheeler, Joseph	Concord
Rowell, W. H	Newport	Wheeler, Joseph H	Charleston, S C
		White, I A	Scott's Hill
		Wiley, A E	Clayton
		Willis, R A—P E	Statesville
		Wilson James	Statesville
		Wilson, N H D—P E	Greensboro
		Wilson, W C	Mocksville
		Wood F H	Trinity College
		Wood *M* L—P E	Shelby
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August 19th, 1886.

The North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference met in 17th annual session in the chapel at Rutherford College at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Stokes D. Franklin in the chair, Levi Branson, Secretary.

The Conference was opened by the President, with reading from the 4th chapter of 1st Peter, singing and prayer.

The Secretary called the roll of delegates. Various corrections and additions were made.

During the Conference the following delegates reported present.

RALEIGH DISTRICT—Dr. B. F. Dixon, Levi Branson, David L. Schively, J. F. Butt, R. H. Whitaker, Isaac N. Mann.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT—Stokes D. Franklin, J. H. White, A. G. Kirkman.

SALISBURY DISTRICT—W. P. Williams.

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CHARLOTTE DISTRICT—F. A. Harmon, M. L. Kaylor, J. N. Payne, Reubin Washburn, D. P. Goode.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT—P. P. McLean, Dr. H. A. Smathers, G. W. Spoke.

J. B. Carpenter, Itinerant, was reported present.

J. K. Lee, J. B. Naugle and W. T. Cole, Biblical Students, on motion of Levi Branson, were admitted to the full privileges of the Conference.

The President then read his annual address as follows, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The great car of time, with ever turning wheels, has brought us to the close of another Conference year; and as we gather in the name of our Master to make this our common center for a few days, let each heart swell with praise and thanksgiving for His loving kindness and tender mercies that have attended us since our last annual gathering. We have looked forward to this occasion with much interest.

No Conference that has ever preceded it has been so full of promise for good, as this one. And when these Conference sessions and devotional exercises shall close, may each and all of us feel that it was good that we came.

May the fires that shall be kindled upon the altar of each heart, that shall attend these meetings, burn like stars of gold in our spiritual sky, until our faith shall be lost in sight, and the shadows of earth be exchanged for the brightness of heaven.

The question is frequently asked by pastors and others, "Why do you hold these Conferences?" "Why have an organization at all? Where is the good that is to come of it?"

Some say it is calculated to create division and disaffection to the itinerancy and disloyalty to the church. I answer these simple questions of the curious by quoting the first article of our constitution, first and second sections.

Section 1. "This body shall be known as the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference, and shall be governed by this constitution, and such by-laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Section 2. "The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the Gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the church at large." And it affords me great pleasure to state that so far, these ends are being rapidly accomplished. The Local Ministers' Conference is not considered any longer an experiment, but a grand success.

Dr. Hudson says in his book, "The Methodist Armor," that from our ranks comes the great army of itinerant preachers. He says they usually begin as exhorters, graduate to the local ministry and thence into the itinerancy, and as every itinerant must be a local preacher before he can be an itinerant, and as he must necessarily remain with us until his graduation, it becomes our duty to give him the best preparation that we possibly can, not only for the itinerancy, but for any position to which the church may see proper to assign him.

I am glad that the law of our church compels every preacher to pass through this school of local preachers; and the close observation of nearly a quarter of a century as a local preacher has proved to my satisfaction that many of our itinerants who are now filling responsible stations and circuits in our church passed through this local preacher's school too rapidly. It would no doubt have been better for them and the church at large, if they had continued with us longer, if not forever. However, our relations are so close, and the ties that bind us so strong, and our work is so intimately connected, that we are always constrain-

ed to exercise that brotherly affection that has, and we trust always will, characterize these two classes of God's workmen.

We hear it intimated occasionally that we have reached a point when the labors of the local preachers can be dispensed with That they are no longer an important factor in the church, that the fields which were once so white unto the harvest and so inviting to the sickle of the local preacher are now occupied by others, who give their entire time and attention to the work. They say that in this advanced age of civilization and high state of christian culture that the preacher that earns his bread otherwise than that of preaching cannot fill the pulpit on the Sabbath with the same acceptability as the preacher that gives it his entire attention.

In Bishop Hedding's note, in McTyeire's Manual of Discipline pointing out the duty of local preachers in executing the law of the Discipline, the Bishop says, "in many instances the local preachers have a better opportunity than the traveling preachers, of performing these parts of the work of discipline, as they are more of the time with the people, are better acquainted with them, and consequently know better when and where to apply the laws of the church." Now, if this point is well taken by the Bishop, and we argue that it is, does it not hold good that his intimate acquaintance with the people, and his general knowledge of their condition will enable the consecrated local preacher to supply their spiritual wants and needs on the Sabbath from the pulpit, as well at least as the preacher that knows but little of their general condition. But we will not argue this point, for we do not claim the pulpits of the Methodist Church, we only occupy them occasionally in cases of emergency. Our business is, and ever has been and we pray God will continue to be, to *make* pulpits for the Methodist Church, and win souls to Christ.

We remember with much pleasure the names of the once illustrious, but now sainted Embury, Webb, Strawbridge, and other eminent local preachers that sowed the first seed of Methodism in the virgin soil of America. That it was these self-sacrificing local preachers that erected the first Methodist Church on this continent, and from then, until now, they have ever been found in the front ranks of the onward march of American Methodism.

But, brethren, the cause that moved these holy men of God to do and to suffer, should be as near and as dear to us after the lapse of a hundred years as it was to them in the beginning. We must not grow weary in well doing; our opportunities and privileges now are greater than our fathers' were. Let us pray that a double portion of the Spirit that moved these pioneer preachers, may fall on us, that we may be able to meet the demands of our calling in this age, as they did in the age in which they lived. While the regular pastors are cultivating and gathering in the rich harvest, perhaps, from seed sown in tears, by local preachers, and while their services may be no longer required or even desired in these well cultivated fields as heretofore, but still the local preacher can realize the fact that there is not a square mile on this continent but what has some work for him to do. While our church is straining every point to send the gospel to heathen lands in order that the benighted nations of the earth may be lead to Christ, a great door is opened to us as local preachers, at home. The great majority of our people here in this so called christian land are still unconverted, and in the face of light and knowledge are living without God and without hope of eternal life. Our Master swings wide the door, let us enter, and occupy until he shall come.

And now, in conclusion, allow me to suggest to all of our local brethren to stand by the localities and sections of country that need your

services most. We are living in an age when the brain of the nation seems to be crazed on the subject of making money and getting rich, and in many instances preachers, and christian men, have joined in the race.

The capital that was once so equally distributed in the land, is now being hurried to towns, cities and commercial centers, in order that it may be increased more rapidly. And these centers are creating larger demands upon the church for her most gifted and popular pastors; this course necessarily leaves large sections of country poorly provided with the gospel and with but little to give for the support of the ministry. Consequently the local preachers must come to the rescue, and supply the demand, as they ever have done, "without money and without price," and by so doing they will not lose their reward.

S. D. FRANKLIN.

On motion a Committee on Divine Service was appointed as follows: J. B. Carpenter, R. L. Abernethy and J. B. Naugle.

On motion of J. H. White the sessions of the Conference were fixed at 9, a. m., and adjourn at 11, a. m. Then meet at 3, p. m., and adjourn at will.

The Committee announced Levi Branson, to preach at night, and P. P. McLean, to-morrow at 11, a. m.

The Conference adjourned by singing doxology and receiving the benediction by the President.

Regular services each day as follows:

Prayer Meeting at sunrise.

Preaching at 8, a. m.	Conference from 3, to 4, p. m.
Conference from 9, to 11, a. m.	Preaching at 4, p. m.
Preaching at 11, a. m.	Preaching at 7½, p. m.

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FRIDAY, 9, A. M.

The Conference met at 9, a. m., and was opened with divine services by W. H. England.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion a committee of three were appointed to take in consideration the President's address, and recommend what subjects ought to be presented to the Conference for consideration. Committee appointed by the chairman as follows: J. H. White, W. P. Williams, P. P. McLean and Levi Branson.

Bro. Smith, a layman, from Guilford county, being called out, spoke words of wisdom and encouragement to the Local Ministers.

Rev. Wm. C. Owen of the Baptist Church was introduced to the Conference, and delivered a pleasant and

profitable talk on the various interests of the christian religion.

On motion the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

P. P. McLean preached at 11, a. m.

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FRIDAY, 3 P. M.

The Conference re-assembled promptly and was opened by M. T. Steele. The following report was read and adopted.

Your Committee appointed on President's Address, recommend that Committees of one each be appointed to present papers to this Conference on Temperance, on Missionary Work, on Sunday Schools, on Finance, and on Status of the Local Ministry.

J. H. WHITE,
P. P. MCLEAN,
W. P. WILLIAMS,
LEVI BRANSON.

VERBAL REPORTS.

W. H. England made verbal report as to work done—is now old, can not work much in winter—assists the pastor and loves the work.

J. H. White reports that he has been engaged in preaching and in Sabbath School work, is Superintendent of a Sabbath School of 75 scholars, and does much pastoral work in connection.

Dr. R. L. Abernethy reports various and sundry work—baptized twenty-one children at one time, in one house—has had some glorious meetings, and has witnessed many conversions during the year—has done all the work he could outside of College duties.

M. T. Steele has four regular preaching places—is working on South Mountain Mission—the people are improving and they are anxious to hear the gospel. Bros. England and Dr. Abernethy also spoke of the valuable character of the South Mountain Mission—the spiritual condition of the people has greatly improved of late years.

Levi Branson reported two regular appointments, and various miscellaneous work—believes there is room and a destiny for the Local Ministry. Has enjoyed open air preaching.

P. P. McLean reported as the only delegate from his section—Mission work has done much good in that section—has preached eighty-three times, seventy-three conversions, baptisms thirty-four, received thirty-nine into the church—has also done much Sunday School work—hopes to do more another year.

G. W. Spake reports thirteen sermons, and about the same number of conversions—is not able to work largely.

The President announced committees as follows:

On Temperance, W. P. Williams. On Missionary Work, R. L. Abernethy. On Sunday School, J. H. White. On Finance, P. P. McLean. On status of the Local Ministry, Levi Branson.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President. J. H. White preached at 4, p. m., W. P. Williams was announced to preach at night.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9, A. M.

The Conference assembled immediately after the 8 o'clock service, President Franklin in the chair. The minutes were read and approved. A number of corrections were made to the roll of ministers.

VERBAL REPORTS.

D. E. Warlick reported no great amount of work done on account of age and infirmity.

F. S. Starrette, reported thirty five sermons—filled circuit work during a part of the year—has enjoyed his work and hopes to do more another year.

A. G. Kirkman has had four appointments—has preached about fifty sermons—also thirteen funeral sermons—assisted pastors in ten protracted meetings, one hundred and forty converts—has enjoyed his work and feels that the Lord has blessed his labors.

J. A. Kennedy has not preached much, various hindrances having been in the way—expects to do more another year.

I. N. Mann preaches three Sabbaths in every month—has conducted lately three protracted meetings, received sixteen into the church and baptized five—averaged about one sermon a week during the year—the Lord has blessed him in his work. desires to be more and more useful.

Adjourned with benediction by the President. W. H. England was announced to preach at 11, a. m., F. S. Starrette at 3, p. m., and A. G. Kirkman at 8, p. m.

SATURDAY, 3, P. M.

The Conference re-assembled, President Franklin in the chair, immediatelv after 3 o'clock.

J. H. White reported a paper on Sabbath Schools which was adopted as follows:

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Having been appointed a committee to report on Sunday School work, I submit the following: Whereas we believe that the Sunday School work is an important factor in our church, therefore

Resolved That we do all in our power to organize Sunday Schools wherever practicable, and to aid and encourage all such work whenever and wherever we can. J. H. WHITE.

P. P. McLean, reported a paper on Finances, which was discussed and then adopted unanimously.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on finance, after prayerful and careful consideration, beg leave to report the following:

That whereas, the local preachers in all parts of the State, as an average, are efficient laborers in their respective communities, when sufficient encouragement is given them; and whereas, they are important factors in the burial of the dead, the progress of Sabbath Schools, prayer meetings, class meetings, and preaching the gospel; and whereas, the Local Preachers' Conference under its present organization, is destined to result in great good to the upbuilding of the church, and to the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom to all the ends of the earth; and whereas, the Conference is in perfect sympathy with the itinerant work and co-labors together (with it) for the accomplishment of great good; and whereas, the majority of the local preachers are men of moderate means, and have to labor arduously in their various spheres, to support their families and themselves: and whereas, their labor is indispensable to the church, and worthy of compensation; and whereas, their attendance at the annual sessions of the Local Ministers' Conference is essential to its future development and well being; and whereas, their individual assessments to support the itinerant work, would amply provide means to enable them to attend their conferences and contribute to the minute fund; Therefore,

Resolved, That no local preacher in the bounds of the State who is in indignent circumstances, or who having charge of Sabbath Schools, or prayer meetings or who keeps up two or more regular monthly meetings, should be responsible for any assessment except for missionary and conference collections.

P. P. McLEAN.

F. R. Kaylor moved that the STATESVILLE ADVOCATE be requested to publish the minutes of conference. Carried.

The Conference adjourned with benediction by the President.

A. G. Kirkman was announced to preach at night. Stokes D. Franklin, W. P. Williams, Levi Branson, I. N. Mann, M. L. Kaylor, P. P. McLean for Sabbath day.

MONDAY, 9 A. M.

The Conference assembled immediately after the 8 o'clock service. The minutes were read and approved.

W. P. Williams handed in a report on Temperance, which after discussion was unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We your committee appointed on that part of the President's Address relating to temperance, beg leave to report that we fully endorse all that he has said in his address on the subject, and add that we believe it to be one of the most important subjects which is now being agitated by the church, and believe it to be the duty as well as privilege of every

Christian to form a "solid front" and follow our Great Captain, who is evidently calling on us to put down this great enemy of mankind. Therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend as among the most efficient exponents of temperance principles, the *Spirit of the Age*, *Ballot*, and *Statesville Advocate* and will do all in our power to increase their patronage and extend their influence.

Resolved 2*d*, That we recognize in the "Woman's Temperance Union" a powerful auxiliary to the cause of temperance, and will do all we can to assist them in their heaven-born work.

Resolved 3*d*, That we will do all in our power for the cause of Prohibition by using our influence in favor of nominating and electing prohibition candidates not only in our State but also in our National Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. WILLIAMS.

P. P. McLean offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF MINUTE FUND.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN OF THE N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS CONFERENCE—Greeting: Whereas, the progress and development of our body, the upbuilding of the church, the spread of the gospel, and above all the glory of God demand a strenuous effort on the part of the local preachers.

And whereas, a full attendance at our annual meetings is essential to the accomplishment of all these ends. And whereas it is desired that every local preacher in the State should attend the next meeting of our Conference, that their associations with, and prayers for each other may redound to an increase of energy and spiritual elevation, and, whereas, we have a desire that the laity should know of our progress and proceedings and believe it essential to our success that they should, therefore

Resolved, That this Conference instruct the Secretary to write all the local preachers in the State and solicit a contribution to the Minute Fund, besides secure by public collection all funds possible, and a sufficiency of minutes to enable him to distribute them among the most influential laity of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. McLEAN.

A paper was offered by P. P. McLean, pending which the hour arrived set apart for election of officers.

On motion of Dr. Abernethy the election was taken *viva voce*, resulting as follows:

President.....	W. P. Williams.
1st Vice President.....	P. P. McLean.
2d Vice President.....	J. H. White.
3d Vice President.....	A. G. Kirkman.
Financial Secretary.....	Levi Branson.

Mr. E. E. Jurney was introduced and addressed the Conference in behalf of *The Ballot* of Charlotte.

The Conference resumed the consideration of P. P. McLean's, resolutions. After thorough discussion and amendments, the Conference unanimously adopted the resolutions as follows:

LECTURER ON THE COURSE OF STUDY.

WHEREAS, The success of our Conference and the church depends greatly on the efficiency of our preachers, and whereas we deem it of the greatest importance that every local preacher should be familiar with the English branches of our education and with the doctrines and discipline of our church, also with the Bible in all its teachings, therefore

Resolved 1st, That we request our President to appoint an expert to deliver a series of lectures on the "Course of Study," during the sessions of next Conference, and that the appointment be made from the Local Ministers' Conference.

2nd, That the Secretary be instructed to notify the preachers of this action by inserting the same in the minutes immediately following the "Course of Study," as therein prescribed

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. McLEAN.

Stokes D. Franklin reported work as follows—has labored ten years in establishing Marvin Chapel—has charge of this Chapel and also a mission work in the suburbs of Winston—has done missionary work in various ways.

President Franklin also delivered a short address to the Conference.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

W. L. C. Killian preached at 8 o'clock and P. P. McLean at 11 a. m.

MONDAY, 3 P. M.

The Conference met promptly at 3 p. m., W. P. Williams in the chair. Religious services were had by the President.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Abernethy offered the following paper on "Missionary Work." Some interesting speeches were made, setting forth the status of Local Ministry in reference to missions.

After full discussion, the following paper was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Missions beg leave to report that, in taking a general view of the whole subject, we

are of the opinion that the entire work of the Christian ministry is a missionary work; and that no class of Christian ministers is more suitably adapted to this work than the Local Ministry.

From all the information that we can gain from every source, we are glad to report that at no previous period in the history of Methodism have the great fields of this world, called missionary ground, been more thoroughly and successfully worked than at present.

We are also glad to know that several of our local ranks have been and are now successfully engaged in this great work, under the cognizance of the M. E. Church, South.

We are happy to hear from brothers Steele and Kaylor, of the great advancement of the people of their respective fields, in intellectual, social and moral improvement.

We recommend all our brethren to go into the waste places, preach the gospel, organize Sunday Schools and churches wherever they can do so, trusting in the Great Master for our future reward. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. L. Abernethy, Com.

VERBAL REPORTS.

D. L. Schively, reported work as follows—has been doing missionary work for about fifteen years. Labored first in Washington City, then at Yorktown, Louisville and finally at Raleigh—has collected and distributed many thousand religious tracts and papers—has a mission place about five miles from Raleigh—has assisted pastors all around Raleigh.

Reuben Washburn reported does not do much preaching, but desires to do more and more each year.

M. L. Kaylor is in the employment of the Holston Conference—has five regular appointments and three mission appointments in addition—has had good success the past year—at one place had thirteen conversions and nine accessions—loves the mission work—at one place had over one hundred conversions during the last eight years. This year had about forty conversions and received about the same number in the church.

The Conference adjourned with benediction by J. B. Carpenter, P. C.

W. H. England was announced to preach at 4 p. m., and M. L. Kaylor at night.

Tuesday, 9, a. m.

President Williams called the Conference to order on the closing of morning service.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The President in pursuance to a resolution previously passed, appointed Dr. R. L. Abernethy to deliver a series of lectures to the next Conference on the course of study laid down in the Discipline.

On motion, 3 p. m., was made the special order for election of delegates to the next Conference.

J. F. Butt, reported that he is filling the Brooklyn and Macedonia Mission—has three appointments—has preached one hundred and fifty sermons, held fifty prayer meetings, baptized five, received twelve into church. The church has been greatly blessed in his labors on the mission—has built a church at Macedonia, worth one thousand dollars—built mostly by work by the people—has also enlarged the Brooklyn church, now inside of the city limits.

The Conference adjourned with benediction by the President.

Bro: R. M. Taylor was announced to preach at 11 a. m. and W. P. Williams at 4 p. m.

TUESDAY, 3, P. M.

The President convened the Conference with singing and prayer by F. S. Starrette.

The special order was taken up and the following were elected delegates to the next Conference.

Raleigh District—R. H. Whitaker, D. P. Meacham.
Durham District—I. N. Mann, Solomon Lea.
Greensboro District—S. D. Franklin, R. M. Stafford.
Salisbury District—C. Plyler, I. M. Shaver.
Statesville District—M. A. Abernethy, W. L. C. Killian.
Shelby District—W. H. England, J. A. Belk.
Charlotte District—J. W. Abernethy, Dr. J. T. Jones.
Fayetteville District—John Pegram, R. S Ledbetter.
Wilmington District—J. H. Tart, Josiah Sutton.
Newbern District—Dr. E. L. Perkins, G. W. Neal.
Warrenton District—J. W. Heptinstall, B. F. Long, D. D.
Washington District—Hezekiah Farrow, W. H. Harrell.
Albemarle District—W. W. Kennedy, G. S. Dutcher.
Asheville District—W. G. Miller, J. L. Tilman.
Franklin District—Joshua Brooks, Hightower Curtis.
Trinity College District—Prof. W. H. Pegram, W. A. Brame.

It was moved by J. F. Butt that a committee of two be appointed to confer with the Secretary to devise means to raise funds to pay the expenses of the delegates to the next Annual Conference, passed unanimously.

The chair appointed as said committee, J. F. Butt and J. A. Belk.

Conference adjourned with benediction.

A. G. Kirkman was announced to preach at night.

WEDNESDAY, 9, A. M.

The Conference was called to order by vice President A. G. Kirkman immediately after the 8 o'clock services.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. G. W. Calahan and Rev. John T. Abernethy, members of the N. C. Conference were introduced and delivered appropriate addresses to our body.

Levi Branson, then introduced Dr. J. M. Butt of Orlando, Florida, who spoke of the condition of the church in his adopted State. He reported class meetings in a flourishing condition in the flowery State. The Conference rejoiced to have him in attendance.

Dr. H. A. Smathers made verbal report as follows:

Has been preaching the gospel for ten years. Has preached as high as two hundred and seventy-five sermons in a single year and had as many as two hundred and seventy conversions--feels greatly interested in the work of the Local Ministry and desires that all our members study to come up to a high grade of knowledge and usefulness.

On motion J. F. Butt was appointed to report a paper on education.

The Conference was adjourned with benediction by the President.

R. M. Taylor was announced to preach at 11 a. m., and Dr. H. A. Smathers at 3½ p. m.

WEDNESDAY, 3, P. M.

The Conference re-assembled at the call of the President.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dr. R. L. Abernethy offered Resolutions which were adopted as follows.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Resolved, That we do most heartily recommend the Raleigh *Christian Advocate*, the Statesville *Advocate* and the *Advance*, edited as they are by high-toned, intellectual, christian gentlemen, to all our Local Preachers; and that we will use our efforts to circulate these papers all over the State of N. C.

Inasmuch as this Conference has repeatedly declared itself to be a temperance body, and, inasmuch as there is now a grand contest going on between the powers of light and the powers of darkness in our country upon this subject, therefore Resolved, that we endorse and recommend the following papers to all our brethren: The *Spirit of the Age*, *N. C. Prohibitionist*, *Prohibition Banner*, *Prohibition Leader*, *Statesville Advocate*, *The Ballot*, *The Anchor*, *The Advance* and *Western Carolinian*, as worthy exponents of temperance and also *The State Chronicle* and such other papers

published in this State as have taken decided stand in favor of Local Option.

Resolved, That each Local Preacher within the bounds of this Conference be requested to preach at least two sermons upon the subject of temperance during this year, and to incorporate the fact in his next annual report.

R. L. ABERNETHY.

It was ordered that a copy of the above resolutions be forwarded to the respective papers.

The report of Dr. B. York was read and commented upon. On motion of Levi Branson, warmest greetings were sent to our father in Israel, Brantley York, D. D.

The Conference adjourned to attend Divine service.

J. F. Butt was announced to preach at night.

John T. Abernethy for 8 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 9, A. M.

President Kirkland called the Conference to order. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The resolution on Temperance papers wos reconsidered and committed to R. H. Whitaker for revision.

R. H. Whitaker reported verbally as follows—has preached about two sermons a month and held one prayer meeting each week—most of his work is on Temperance—is Secretary of two Temperance orders—has published a Temperance paper for more than twenty years. He gave a graphic account of temperance work in Raleigh and some of the happy results of Temperance Societies.

The Conference was adjourned with singing and benediction by the President.

G. W. Calahan was announced to preach at 11 a. m., R. H. Whitaker at 3 p. m., Dr. H. A. Smithers at night.

FRIDAY, 9, A. M.

President Kirkland called the Conference to order, at the close of the morning service.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Abernethy offered a resolution which was adopted as follows.

In view of the great evils of intemperance in our land, and the great good that can and does result from temperance organizations and temperance speeches, Resolved, therefore, that Saturday at 3 o'clock be set apart for temperance speaking, and that Rev. R. H. Whitaker be requested to make an address.

J. F. Butt read the following which was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

RESOLVED, That we feel that the subject of Education is of vast importance and real use; that the cultivation of the heart should tally with that of the mind; we therefore are glad to recommend all those institutions of learning which have at their heads men of deep piety, who feel not only the great importance of book knowledge, but the greater necessity of the conversion of the soul, and whose greatest delight will be to send each scholar home with a renewed and sanctified heart, and in this way well prepared to help the wicked world with whom they may come in contact to learn of Christ and imitate his glorious character, and let the same mind be in them that was in him. We heartily commend Rutherford and Greensboro Colleges, both ably presided over by members of our Local Preachers' Conference, to the patronage of our people.

JOHN F. BUTT,
Committeeman.

J. B. Carpenter read a letter from Bro. D. P. Goode and the Conference was at once led in prayer by G. W. Calahan for the entire recovery of Bro. Goode's afflicted companion.

Moved by J. F. Butt and carried that the Secretary notify each preacher to take up a collection for the benefit of delegates attending Conference.

The Memorial Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed at the Thomasville Conference, sent the following Memorial to the General Conference, by the hands of J. A. Cunninggim, one of the delegates:

Statement and Memorial to the General Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

STATEMENT:

1. We heartily subscribe to the six Restrictive Rules of our Discipline, which include the Articles of Faith and the "General Rules."

2. We understand these to be the constitution of our church, and should be preserved with greatest care.

3. From the 5th Restrictive Rule, we understand all of our ministers and preachers to be on the same ecclesiastical footing, and entitled to be so treated in the Discipline.

4. Legislation for 20 years past has shown a tendency to ignore, to restrict, and eventually to dispense with local ministers as a class.

a. The eight years' course of study is a discrimination against our class. All "orders" should be based on merit.

b. Not only a lay member but a single member of our church may prefer a bill of charges against a local preacher and subject him to a vicious prosecution. This is an unfair discrimination against our class. All should be tried by peers.

c. For "inefficiency" a local is expelled while an itinerant is only located. This is a discrimination against our class also. There is no equal representation in the great councils of our church.

d. A respectful Memorial on one point only to the General Confer-

ence four years ago received no adequate attention, and no relief was granted.

MEMORIAL.

In view of all these tendencies of former legislation, the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference, in connection with the "Texas Local Minister's Conference," has deemed it prudent to again put into exercise one of our reserved rights, viz. that of Memorial; hence, we most respectfully memorialize the General Conference to appoint a special committee who shall thoroughly examine and so harmonize the Discipline that the rights of local preachers shall be fully preserved according to the constitution of our church, and especially as secured by the Fifth Restrictive Rule.

Your petitioners will ever pray.

On the opening of the General Conference Bro. J. A. Cunninggim promptly presented the Memorial, which was referred to the committee on Boundaries. That committee finding that we had petitioned for a special committee returned the Memorial. The Conference then appointed a special committee of seven, Dr. N. H. D. Wilson being chairman.

The chairman succeeded in getting a report very near the close of the session, thus securing slight changes in the chapter of the Discipline relating to trials.

While we appreciate this as a recognition of our right to be heard in our greatest church council, we are however constrained to record the fact that the main work of harmonizing the Discipline with the constitution of our church as to the rights of local preachers, has hardly been touched as yet. Therefore we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is our duty and interest to keep this Memorial before the people and our General Conference until the Discipline is fully harmonized.

LEVI BRANSON,
SOLOMON POOL,
S. D. FRAKLIN,
R. L. ABERNETHY,
W. A. BRAME,
R. H. WHITAKER,
J. H. WHITE.

The report was adopted.

Conference then adjourned with benediction by the President.

James Wilson was announced to preach at 11 a. m.

A. G. Kirkman at 3 p. m. Levi Branson for 8 a. m. tomorrow.

SATURDAY 9, A. M.

President called the Conference to order immediately after the 9 o'clock service.

Minutes were read and approved.

Written reports were read from various members.

F. L. Reid was called on and responded with many

pleasant assurances of kind feeling and tendered the *Advocate* for free use of Local preachers' generally. J. M. Lumley and P. L. Groome of the itinerancy were reported present, also A. M. Lowe.

The President called on the Conference to fix time and place for the next Conference. On motion the time and place place were left to the following Committee. R. H. Whitaker, Chairman, Levi Branson, R. . Abernethy and W. P. Williams.

Conference adjourned to the call of the President for final adjournment on Monday following.

Levi Branson preached at 8 o'clock and Dr. B. F. Dixon at 11 o'clock.

At 3, p. m., R. H. Whitaker delivered a temperance address to a large audience.

Of this address the editor of the Raleigh *Christian Advocate* who heard it, says in his paper:

"It was one of the most interesting and entertaining addresses I ever heard on the subject. His audience was delighted with it. He surprised us all. I knew he could make a good temperance speech, but I had no idea he could hold a large audience for two hours on a hot afternoon as he did on this occasion. He sowed seed that will, no doubt, procure a good harvest in that section."

A. M. Lowe of the itinerancy preached at night.

On the Sabbath sermons were preached by J. M. Lumley, F. L. Reid and P. L. Groome of the itinerancy, and R. H. Whitaker and H. A. Smathers of the local ranks.

MONDAY, 10, A. M.

The Conference assembled for the last time, R. H. Whitaker, Vice President, in the chair. It was,

RESOLVED that a vote of thanks be tendered the railroad authorities for very liberal rates given to the preachers and visitors attending the Tabernacle Meeting.

RESOLVED also, that the thanks of this Conference are due and hereby extended to the citizens of Rutherford College for their great kindness and for the very hospitable manner in which the Delegates of this Conference have been received and entertained.

It was ordered that the Executive Committee pass on the Financial Secretary's Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

LEVI BRANSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY,

TO N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, DR.

To cash received of	P. P. McLean	$ 2 00
" "	H. H. Farrow	4 00
" "	R. M. Stafford	1 00
" "	J. W. Vandiver	1 00
" "	Reuben Washburn	1 00
" "	Solomon Lea	1 00
" "	J. M. Watson	1 00
" "	N. Mc N. Smith	1 00
" "	D. L. Schively	1 00
" "	A. G. Kirkman	2 00
" "	Isaac N. Mann	1 00
" "	M. L. Kaylor	1 00
" "	W. H. England	50
" "	W. L. C. Killian	1 00
" "	S. D. Franklin	50
" "	Dr. R. L. Abernethy	1 00
" "	Public Collection	12 34
" "	Benjamin Williams	1 00
" "	D. E. Warlick	1 00
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By 25 packs of envelopes	$ 1 25
By deficit of 1885	1 22
By printing envelopes	75
By printing blank reports	2 00
By 500 Minutes	25 00
By 350 one cent wrappers	3 50
By postage on blank reports	3 00
By postage on correspondence	3 00
By postage on hand bills	75
By bill posting	1 00
By postage on reports of Tabernacle Meeting	2 00
By 3 packages of envelopes	75
	44 22

Approved by the executive committee.

WRITTEN REPORTS.

M.T.Steele, Licentiate, has had four regular appointments, preached thirty sermons, organized three Sunday Schools, baptized thirteen persons and received fifteen into the church.

J. B. Floyd, Deacon, has preached thirty sermons, besides other casual work—desires to be more useful each year.

N. Mc N. Smith, Elder, has had two regular appointments, has preached thirty-five sermons, organized one Sunday School, baptized twenty, and received fourteen persons into the church—sends one dollar to the minute fund.

F. S. Starrette, Deacon, has had one regular appointment, preached

thirty-three sermons, held twenty-eight prayer meetings and received one member into the church—desires to do more another year.

Hardy Sanders, Elder, is seventy-nine years old, has preached two sermons, organized one Sunday School, and held two prayer-meetings —cannot work much now on account of age.

Newton C. Combs, Licentiate, has had one regular appointment, has preached ten sermons, held fifteen prayer-meetings—has been sick for a long time and thus deprived from attending the Local Conference.

F. R. Kaylor, Elder, has had two regular appointments, has preached twenty-six sermons, organized two Sunday Schools, held two prayer-meetings, baptized fifteen persons and received six into the church.

Mack G. Davenport, Licentiate, has had three regular appointments, has preached thirty-six sermons, held thirty-four prayer-meetings and received 2 persons into the church.

Martin A. Holler, Deacon, has had two regular appointments, held six prayer-meetings, baptized one person and received one into the church.

Eli A. Craven, Deacon, has had three regular appointments, has preached thirty sermons, held eight prayer-meetings, organized one Sunday School, held one class-meeting.

Solomon Lea, Elder, has had four regular appointments, has preached fifty sermons, addressed ten Sunday Schools, and held six prayer-meetings—sends one dollar to the minute fund.

William R. Wine, Licentiate, has had two regular appointments, preached twenty sermons, held twenty prayer-meetings, baptized five persons and received six into the church—is in very poor health and thinks he is near the grave—loves the church and the Local Conference.

Henry Powell, Deacon, has had three regular appointments, preached sixty-five sermons, held one prayer-meeting regularly, took one into the church.

Reuben Washburn, Deacon, has had one regular appointment, has preached eight times—sends one dollar to the minute fund.

Benjamin Williams, Licentiate, has preached twenty-two sermons, organized one Sunday School and held a large number of prayer-meetings—sends one dollar to the Minute fund—invokes blessings upon the Local Conference.

T. A. Dorsey, Elder, is in his eighty-second year, and much afflicted —is not now able to work—loves our Conference and desires its success.

B. R. Phillips, Deacon, has had one regular appointment, preached sixty sermons, organized one Sunday School, baptized twenty-four and received forty into the church.

My Very Dear Bro: I wish to send my greetings to all the preachers at your camp-meeting. I am praying that God may save many souls through the preaching of the gospel by you all.

Yours Forever, A. D. Betts.

Joseph Miller, Deacon, has preached thirty sermons, and baptized twelve persons—is now eighty years old and cannot attend Conference, but prays God's blessings upon it.

Calvin Plyler, Elder, has preached sixteen sermons, has held six prayer-meetings.

W. Lowe, Deacon, has had five regular appointments, preached about seventy sermons, held twelve prayer-meetings, baptized three persons and received eight into the church.

Isaac M. Shaver, Elder, has had one regular appointment, preached twenty sermons, and held a number of prayer-meetings.

M. A. Abernethy, Deacon, has had two regular appointments and has been helping his pastor in protracted meetings.

D. E. Warlick, Elder, on account of age and infirmity has had no regular appointments, but preaches occasionally and attends Sabbath School—sends one dollar to the minute fund.

D. Barrentine. has not been able to preach for the last two years on account of affliction—feels deeply interested in the Lord's work, and especially in the Local Preachers' Conference.

John F. Butt Elder, has had three regular appointments, preached one hundred and fifty sermons, held fifty prayer-meetings, baptized five persons, and received twelve into the church—he is imployed as a supply and is in charge of Brooklyn and Macedonia Mission.

Dr. H. A. Smathers, Deacon, has had one regular appointment, has preached seventy-six sermons and witnessed forty-seven professions—held ten prayer-meetings, baptized twenty-five persons and received thirteen into the church—loves his work and feels deeply interested in the Local Conference.

G. W. Spake, is in poor health—has preached thirteen sermons, and witnessed thirteen conversions.

P. P. McLean, has preached eighty-three sermons, had seventy-three conversions, thirty-nine accessions to the church, and baptized thirty-four, besides doing much Sunday School work—sends two dollars to the minute fund.

M. T. Steele, Licentiate, has had four regular appointments, has preached forty-eight sermons, keeps three Sunday Schools in working order, has had twelve accessions to the church.

J. N. Payne, has preached twenty-six sermons, baptized twelve adults and five infants, received twelve into the church, and married fifteen couples—feels much interest in the Local Conference.

Isaac N. Mann, Elder. has had three regular appointments, preached sixty-two sermons, held ten prayer-meetings, baptized five persons and received eighteen into the church.

W. H. England, Elder, has had one regular appointment, preached twenty-one sermons, held three prayer-meetings, baptized six persons and received four members into the church.

R. S. Abernety, Licentiate, has had 2 regular appointmenrts, preached twenty-five times and held three prayer-meetings—his greatest desire is to be useful.

W. P. Williams, Elder, has preached thirty-four sermons, and baptized one person—has been much engaged in assisting his pastor, preaching funerals, burying the dead, visiting the sick, &c.

W. H. Cunningim, Elder, has had one regular appointment, has preached about twenty-five sermons, held two prayer-meetings, baptized two persons.

N. S. Norton, Licentiate, has had two regular appointments preached thirty sermons and held three prayer-meetings.

A. N. Betts, Elder, reports no work of ministerial character on account of pending appeal—has now been fully exonerated and restored—hopes to be more and more useful.

HAPPY HOME, N. C., Aug. 25, 1886.

To the President, members and visiting brethren, of the North Carolina Local Preachers' Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN: It is with a sense of the deepest regret that I am situated and the condition of my family is such, that I am necessarily deprived of the privilege and great pleasure of meeting with you and participating in the business and religious services of this occasion. And I feel this all the more sensibly as the place of meeting is right in our midst, and almost under the shadow of my dwelling. But I am w th you in sympathy, and my prayers, and pray God's blessing upon you all, and the occasion. Some of you know what has been the condition of my dear wife, part of the time for the last twelve or fifteen months; and more of you may know what it is to watch for months, at the bedside of what appeared to be a wife in a dying condition. But the same God who healed the woman of the issue of blood, by a touch of the border of his garment, and who spoke life into the dead, hath heard, honored and answered the prayer of faith, in that we have the pleasure and happiness of seeing the health of a wife, at least in a great measure, restored. But now, that another crisis is upon her, I take this occasions to ask an interest, and a special interest, in your prayers for a speedy restoration to perfect health, of my dear wife. I make this request as one who believes that the "effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man," or body of men, "availeth much." I am with much prayer and great sympathy, your brother in Christ,

D. P. GOODE.

The Conference was called to prayer in the behalf of brother Goode and his family.

SMITHFIELD, N. C., Aug. 23rd, 1886.

MY DEAR BRO:—I so regret the impossibility of being with you. My very interesting meeting at Princeton closed last week. About 25 conversions. Already 17 joined the church, and 7 or 8 others will. Yesterday I preached at Selma. This evening I am called to enter a revival which has just broken out in another part of my work—Sander's School House. Day after to-morrow I marry a couple in Selma. I wish I could be with you, but see no way. My people gave me a month's leave in July, and I find I cannot leave my work at this juncture. May the Lord be with you and abundantly bless you and the meeting. My heart and prayers are with you. Love to the brethren—especially Bro. Abernethy and family. Oh what a joy it would be to me to be in your midst this week.

Affectionately,

S. POOL.

P. H. Massey, Licntiate, has had 2 regular appointments, preached 40 sermons—has worked actively for prohibition.

R. M. Stafford, Deacon, has held 3 regular appointments preached 63 times, organized 3 Sunday Schools, held 19 prayer-meetings, baptized 33, and received 35 into the church.—Sends $1 for minute fund.

A. H. Perry, Deacon, has had 3 regular appointments, but reports no specific number of sermons—feels an interest in the Local Conference.

D. A. Lanier, Deacon, has had 3 regular appointments, preached 57 sermons, organized 1 Sunday School and received 3 into the church.

J. W. Vandiver, Elder, has had 3 regular appointments, reports no specific amount of work, but feels a deep interest in the Local Preachers' Conference. Sends one dollar to minute fund.

James W. Watson, Elder, has preached 18 times, baptized 4, and sends one dollar to the minute fund.

Hezekiah Farrow, Elder, has preached 20 sermons, baptized 20, has received 21 members into the church, has been engaged in the colporteur work. Sends 4 dollars to the minute fund.

W. R. Ferg son Deacon, has had one regular appointment, preached 12 sermons, held 9 prayer-meetings, and baptized 10 persons.

A. K. Murchinson, Elder, has had 4 regular appointments, preached 32 times, and is engaged in teaching.

To the members of the Local Ministers' Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—When I first heard that the present session of the Local Preachers' Conference was to be held at Rutherford College, and that, too, in connection with an important religious meeting, I fully purposed to be there; but circumstances not only alter cases, but they sometimes control them, such is my present condition. To be present with you as members of the Conference, and others that may be present at such a meeting would be to me a season of much social and religious enjoyment; but this is denied me at present. I trust you will have abundant success, and that the result may be of great and lasting benefit. I earnestly ask an interest in your prayers. I have preached about 60 sermons during the present conference year, and have delivered about 25 lectures on various subjects, and have conducted several prayer-meetings, but my regular occupation has been teaching. I am thankful that I am still able to work in the vineyard, though well stricken in years, for I am in my 82nd year, I believe I have lost nothing of my zeal for the cause of religion, prohibition and education.

Yours faithfully,

B. YORK.

The Rev. W. C. Owen, of the Baptist church, made feeling remarks as to the joy and success of the conference, and was responded to by Levi Branson in suitable manner.

Dr. H. A. Smathers made touching remarks as to the Tabernacle Meeting—an occasion long to be remembered with great joy.

Rev. P. L. Groome made a statement about a prohibition pamphlet about to be published by him.

On motion of Dr. R. L. Abernethy the Conference adjourned to meet next year at the call of the Committee on Time and Place. Benediction by R. H. Whitaker.

W. P. WILLIAMS, *President.*

LEVI BRANSON, *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SEC. 1. This body shall be known as the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference, and shall be governed by this constitution and such by-laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the Discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastors in building up the church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The membership of this Conference shall consist of two delegates from each Presiding Elder's District and such other Local Preachers as may be present and recognized by the Conference.

SEC. 2. The delegates and alternates to this Conference shall be elected each year by this Conference for the succeeding Conference, and any vacancies which may occur during the year shall be filled by the President.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President three Vice-Presidents and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an Anuual Address or Sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the constitution and by-laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4. The officers of this Conference shall constitute a finance committee, the President being chairman, which committee shall direct the application of all the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expense of publishing and distributing the minutes shall be applied annually to the relief of such members and families of the members, as the Financial Committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ART. V. The constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

The Bible, History and Biography.
The Discipline.
Binner's Theological Compend.
Wesley's Sermons on Justification, and on the Witness of the Spirit.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE.

Preacher's Text-Book.
Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary.
Watson's Institutes.
Ruter's Gregory's Church History.
Catechism on Church Government.

FOR ELDER'S ORDERS.

The Bible—Doctrines.
The Discipline.
Manual of Discipline.
Watson's Institutes.
Wesley's Sermons.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE.

Paine's Life of McKendree.
Prelatical Succession Examined.
Watson's Life of Wesley.
Watson's Sermons.
Clark's Commentary.
Summers on Gospels and Acts.
Wheedon's Commentary.

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Name.	Post Office.
RALEIGH DISTRICT.	
J. F. Butt, E.,	Raleigh
W. J. W. Crowder, L,	"
R. H. Whitaker, D,	"
D. P. Meacham, E,	"
Levi Branson, E., D. D.	"
D. L. Schively	"
William Byrd, E.	Clayton
J. H. Burt. D,	Holly Springs
A. N. Betts, E,	Apex
Benj. H. Hester, E,	Oxford
Dr. B. F. Dixon, E,	"
W. S. Hester, E,	"
T. L. D. Smith, D,	Louisburg
W. H. Hester,	Henderson
J. B. Floyd, D,	Wilton
DURHAM DISTRICT.	
W. H. Cuninggim, E,	Chapel Hill
I. N. Mann, E,	Bynum's
A. H. Perry	Pittsboro
Thomas Clegg, L,	"
Jonas Stuart,	Chalk Level
W. H. Thompson, E,	Oaks
Alexander Walker, D.	Durham
W. R. Webb, E,	Roxboro
Solomon Lea, E,	Leasburg
J. B. Long, E,	Grove
John Pogue, E,	Hillsboro
P. H. Massey, L,	Patterson's Mills
W. A. Forbes, L,	Roxboro
GREENSBORO DISTRICT.	
T. M. Jones, D. D., E,	Greensboro
R. M. Stafford, L,	"
S. F. Kistler, L,	"
A. G. Kirkman, L,	Friendship
E. A. Craven,	Kemp's Mills
B. F Coffin,	" "
R. Gretter,	Moffit's Mills
Prof. Pegram, E,	Trinity College
J. J. Setliff, D,	Rusk
S. D. Franklin, E.	Winston
J. H. White, E,	"
John Alspaugh, E,	Mt. Tabor
J. H. Jefferson, E,	Winston
Bonner E. Marsh, D,	Mt. Gilaed
J. E. Petree, D,	Mt. Tabor
J. B. Doub,	Vienna
S. Long, E,	Salem
S. S. Clemons,	Walkertown
Martin Jones,	"
P. H. Joyner, E,	Trinity College
W. A. Brame, E,	"
Newton Doub, L,	Vienna
J. C. Mock, L,	Vienna
Daniel Field, E,	Leaksville
Joseph Killer, D,	Salem
D. Barrentine,	Greensboro
J. H. Anderson,	Reidsville
W. A. Waymick,	"
S. A. Cecil,	High Point
B. York, D. D., E,	New Salem
D. V. York,	"
J. R. Burton,	Thomasville
SALISBURY DISTRICT.	
I. M. Shaver, E.	Parmerville
C. Plyler, E,	Concord
A. K. Murchinson, E,	Farmington
Vincent Walker, E,	Calahan
Daniel Potts,	Shady Grove
A. F. Adkins, E,	Albemarle
Daniel Lauder, L,	"
Simpson, L,	Concord
CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.	
J. W. Abernethy, E,	Matthews
F. S. Ellington, D,	Mint Hill
B. S. Ferrell, L,	Charlotte
Hosea Hale, D,	Matthews
T. W. Kendall,	Monroe
J. C. New, L,	Lilesville
Dr. J. T. Jones, L,	Clear Creek
Elias Overcash, L,	Charlotte
S. R. Trawick, E,	Maxton
J. B. Tarlton, D,	Matthews
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.	
James Stewart,	New Hill
John Pegram, L,	Chalk Level
James Cain,	Athens
Lewis Phillips, E,	Fair Haven
Hardy Sanders, E,	Big Oak
John S. Pool,	Troy
R. S. Ledbetter, E,	Rockingham
James A. Covington, E,	"
J. C. Smith, L,	"
Leonard Webb,	Dudo
Neill McN. Smith, E,	Laurinburg
Jackson Townsend,	Lumberton
P. J. Wray, E,	Chalk Level
David McNeill, E,	Broadway
D. N. McLean, E,	Fayettevlle
Love Culbreth, E,	Blockers
Miles Mercer, L,	Lumberton
Joseph Paul, L,	"
T. M. Henly,	Cedar Hill
John Hutchinson.	Polkton
Alfred Caviness,	Buffalo Ford
John Phillips,	Harper's X Roads

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Name.	Post Office.
WILMINGTON DISTRICT	
Joshua Johnson,	Ammon
S. H. Guyton,	Council Station
G. B. Andrews,	Shallotte
W. C. Furguson	Smithville
Benj. Williams,	Supply
Thos. B. Hall,	Dismal
L. M. Curtis,	Ingold
— Marlow,	"
— Long,	"
Owen Johnson,	Herringsville
Owen Spell,	Dismal
Josiah Sutton,	Burnett's X Roads
J. H. Tart,	Fair Bluff
J. W. Craig,	Wilmington
— Cox.	Elizabethtown
NEW BERNE DISTRICT.	
J. Alonzo Edwards,	Hookerton
G. E. Langston,	Aurora
Dr. E. L. Perkins, E,	Newport
John Rumley, E,	Beaufort
David W. Porter, L.	Swift Creek
Samuel W. Ormond, E,	Hookerton
Morris Howell,	Goldsboro
J. T. Brogden,	"
Gray C. Garris,	Fremont
W. J. Gray,	Wilson
Prof. G. W. Neal, E,	Newberne
W. B. Hancock, L,	Beaufort
J. B. Webb, E,	Kinston
R. B. Gilliam, L.	"
Henry Powell, D,	Vanceboro
Wm. R. Wine, D,	"
WARRENTON DISTRICT.	
B. F. Long, D. D.	Warrenton
E. A. Bobbitt, E,	Cedar Rock
G. A. Rose,	Manson
J. W. Heptinstall, E,	Littleton
J. A. Kilpatrick,	"
G. W. Heptinstall, E,	Enfield
J. W. York, E,	Hilliardston
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1. Opening by the President.
2. Revising and correcting roll.
3. Address of the President.
4. Appointment of committees.
5. Reading written reports.
6. Verbal reports of delegates.
7. Selecting delegates.
8. Discuss plans for increased usefulness.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Select place for next meeting.
11. Election of officers.
12. Miscellaneous business.
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RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, N. C.,
August 20th, 1888.

The North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference met in 19th annual session at Rutherford College August 20th, 1888. President W. P. Williams in the chair, Levi Branson, Financial Secretary.

The President opened the Conference at 9:30 A. M. by singing "And are we yet alive." Then prayer, and a lesson from the 12th chapter of Romans.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the two front seats. On motion of Dr. Abernethy the class in Theology were recognized as honorary members of this Conference.

The roll was called and various corrections and additions were made. For ministers in attendance see Roll of Attendants. See the President's address below.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Local Ministers' Conference of North Carolina:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Eighteen years of our existence as a Conference are numbered with the past, and we meet to-day in our 19th Annual session.

We have cause to be devoutly thankful to the Great Head of the Church for the blessings of the past, and for the bright hopes of the present and the future.

I am glad to meet you to-day, dear brethren, and greet you from all parts of our beloved Commonwealth, and trust that we shall, during this Conference and Tabernacle meeting, have a little foretaste of the joys that await us when we meet to part no more: and if we realize fully the tremendous possibilities of this meeting we shall not be disappointed.

What are the objects that bring this multitude here from year to year? Is it to have a good social time merely? While this is all legitimate within proper limits, the higher and grander object is not to

have a "Feast of Weeks", but a "Pentecostial Feast" where we may present a glorious harvest of saved sinners to God as a "Thank Offering".

If we fail to do this then our meeting will be a failure, but if we do this, and raise Christians to a higher plane, then our meeting will be a *grand success.* These blessings brethren, will be realized if we are "all in one accord in prayer and supplication."

I see some before me, and am glad to see them, whom I have not met in Conference before, but I miss some familiar faces. Prominent among them is "Father England", who one year ago was with us, full of the Holy Ghost and of power from on high. The "Fiery Chariot" came almost in sight for him at our last Conference, and he said "if it came near he was ready to mount it, but if the Master had any more work for him he was willing to stay and do it." Well, his work was not quite done then, but it is now, and *well* done!

We shall miss his wise counsel, fervent prayers and gospel preaching in this and future sessions, but our loss is his eternal gain!

"His sword was in his hand
Still warm with recent fight,
Ready that moment at command,
Through rock and steel to smite.

"Soldier of Christ, *well* done!
Praise be thy new employ,
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Savior's joy."

May we all live his righteous life, and die his peaceful and happy death.

In compliance with your resolutions passed at our last Conference, I have appointed an efficient man in each Presiding Elder's district to hold a district advisory meeting, which were, with the programme as arranged by Drs. Abernethy and Branson, published in the Raleigh and Statesville Christian Advocates; also in some of the Holston and Virginia Conference papers. I also wrote a personal letter to each delegate, *urging* them to attend this Conference or to appoint an alternate. How fully these appointments and requests have been complied with the sequel will show.

I have since our last meeting traveled quite extensively through the bounds of our Conference, and find the most of our local brethren zealously engaged in the Master's work, and the most of them without any compensation. I find also that our itinerant brethren are utilizing them quite extensively; and while some of them give them full credit for all they do, there are some ignoble exceptions. I give one instance: During last month I knew a local brother to neglect his business and urgent duties for three days and nights to assist the Presiding Elder in a protracted meeting, and as the P. E. was quite feeble the local brother did most of the preaching. In due time the P. E. reported to the Raleigh Advocate "a glorious revival, powerful demonstration of Divine power. Many converted and added to the church, ranging from 12 to 70 years of age; etc., etc.," and not one word did he say about the local brother who did most of the preaching.

Well brethren, it matters very little whether men give us credit or not for our labors, if we "make full proof of our ministry", when the Master comes to "make His jewels" we shall not be ignored then: nay *verily!* but we shall receive the blessed compliment—"Well done good

and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Brethren, we are not working for honors or emoluments here, but that we may "lay up treasures where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt nor theives break through and steal." The Savior taught most emphatically while on earth that we shall be rewarded according to our works; then brethren, it matters not if we have but little here below, many who have but little of this world's treasures, have a rich legacy laid up above. I would not give the rich treasures that some who I see before me to-day have laid up in heaven for all the wealth and honors of this world, and ten thousand more such. Then,

"Fear not, brethren—joyful stand
On the borders of our land;
Jesus Christ, our Father's Son,
Bids us undismayed go on."

During the month of June I invited Bishop Key and Rev. Sam P. Jones to attend this meeting, and they both responded promptly that while it would afford them much pleasure to do so, previous engagements rendered it impracticable for them to come.

I saw Bishop Duncan at Statesville district Conference and invited him to come, which he promised to do a day or two next week, if he could get here in time from Shelby district Conference to attend Conference at Lexington latter part of next week. Well brethren, we may be disappointed in meeting any of these "distinguished Divines" here, but we shall not be disappointed in meeting the "Great Captain of our Salvation" here if we ask him in humble faithful prayer to come and prepare for His reception. He has promised to be here and *wherever* His people are gathered together in His name. Many have realized His presence here in the past, which is an earnest of His presence here at this and at all times and places when we meet in His name. Then,

"Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
Joy to the world the Lord will come!"

And now brethren, in surrendering to you the honorable position which you have tendered to me for the last two years, I thank you for your partiality and forbearance with my many short-comings, and trust that my "mantle may fall" on the shoulders of one who may lead you to greater victory. I have done but little but have done all I could.

To some, and to Dr. Branson, especially, am I indebted for wise counsel and valuable suggestions in my official duties, and were it not that he cannot be duplicated as Financial Secretary, I should move for his election as President of this body, an office to which he is *pre-eminently* entitled as a reward of merit; but we shall have to keep him where he is because none of us can fill his place. I hope therefore, that he may as long as able to serve this Conference, be elected by a *rising acclamation*.

Finally, with earnest prayers for heaven's richest blessings upon us all while here, and for those who so generously entertain us, and for our safe return to our loved ones at home, I am your humble servant in the Lord,

W. P. WILLIAMS, President.

The President pronounced the benediction and adjourned the Conference until 3 P. M.

MONDAY, 3 P. M.

The President convened the Conference which was opened with religious services by J. M. Watson. The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and then approved. Further corrections were made to the Roll.

It was moved by J. M. Watson and seconded by Dr. Abernethy that our Secretary be requested to furnish a Roll of the Local Ministers of the North Carolina Conference to the next session of that body with a request to correct and publish in the Minutes of the Conference —passed unanimously.

The Secretary being called on read many written reports from local preachers.

Verbal reports being called for, J. M. Watson reported that on account of age and affliction, he does not have regular appointments, but fills many vacancies, marries many, and also buries many people—he is now 71 years old—has been preaching since 1853—enjoys religion and desires to be largely more useful for his remaining days —has preached 11 sermons during the year and baptized 3 children; also married several couples.

Dr. R. L. Abernethy, reported that he had preached more than 200 sermons, has traveled and lectured much and baptized many children, his labor has been constant and of almost every class of work.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by President Williams. W. P. Williams delivered his address at 11 A. M. and D. A. Lanier was announced to preach at night.

TUESDAY, 9 A. M.

President Williams convened the Conference on time. Services by J. W. Kennedy. The names of new arrivals were added to the roll of attendants.

R. S. Abernethy handed in written report.

J. B. Naugle made verbal report as follows:

Has held 15 prayer-meetings, organized 1 Y. M. C. A. and preached 65 sermons—has four regular appointments, contributes $1.50 to minute fund.

Rev. J. T. Ogburn, President of the Methodist Protestant Conference, was introduced and made interesting remarks in reference to the Methodist Protestant Church in this State and in the United States, in which they have about 160,000 members.

The report of Dr. B. York was read and called out many commendatory remarks from Dr. Abernethy, W. P. Williams and others.

DR. YORK'S LETTER.

To the Local Ministers' Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Several years have passed since I had the pleasure of meeting you in Conference; but whatever may have been the cause or causes which prevented me from attending, it may not be attributed to any indifference of feeling with regard to the success of the Conference or love of its members.

Such is the distance that my state of health, had I the means, would hardly justify the undertaking, as I have just recovered from a protracted and dangerous sickness. I have not been an idler in the vineyard; for I have preached almost every Sunday, and sometimes twice, except when confined by sickness. I have also lectured frequently to Sunday schools and on various other subjects and occasions. Though I am far advanced in life, being nearly 84 years of age, I have lost nothing of my zeal for the cause of religion, education, and prohibition.

My earnest prayer to God, is that this session of the Conference in connection with the Tabernacle meeting, may result in great good, and prove a lasting blessing to all who may attend it.

I desire an interest in all your prayers, that my last days may be my best, and when my labor shall have ended, I may find that rest which is prepared for all God's people. Yours faithfully,

B. YORK.

Solomon Pool, D. D., was announced to preach at 11 A. M. and J. T. Ogburn at 2:30 P. M. Conference adjourned with benediction.

TUESDAY, 3:30 P. M.

The Conference was convened by the President after the sermon by J. T. Ogburn. The minutes were read and corrected, then adopted.

Plans of increased usefulness were discussed by Dr. Abernethy, Williams, Coffin, Branson ane others. It was contended, by those who discussed the matter, that Connelly Springs circuit ought to hold a Tabernacle meeting

at the College every year, and that this Conference assist in running the meeting.

The Chair announced committees as follows:

On Education—Dr. R. L. Abernethy, J. M. Watson, D. A. Lanier.

On Sabbath Schools—J. W. Kennedy, W. W. Holloway, J. B. Naugle.

On Finance—Levi Branson, R. S. Abernethy, J. M. Price.

On Temperance—R. H. Whitaker, Calvin Plyler, G. H. Austin.

C. C. Brothers was announced to preach at night. The President adjourned the Conference with the benediction.

Wednesday, August 22, 9 A. M.

The Conference assembled on time with W. P. Williams in the chair. The session was opened with services by W. W. Holloway.

The minutes were read and approved after correction.

The Secretary read the written report of D. A. Lanier.

The President then resumed the order of business left off on yesterday afternoon, namely "Plans of Increased Usefulness." J. M. Watson made interesting remarks looking to the advancement of the Conference.

Robert S. Abernethy offered an amendment to the Constitution as follows: Amend article II, section 1, by adding after the word consist, line first "of two lay and two clerical delegates." The amendment was ably discussed by R. S. Abernethy, Dr. R. L. Abernethy, J. W. Kennedy, J. M. Watson, W. P. Williams and Levi Branson. It was passed by an unanimous rising vote.

It was moved by Dr. Abernethy that the Financial Secretary be requested to take a public collection on the last Sabbath of the Tabernacle meeting of each year for the Minute fund—passed unanimously.

J. M. Watson was announced to preach at 11 A. M. The benediction was pronounced by President Williams.

Wednesday, 3:30 P. M.

The Conference was convened by President Williams pursuant to adjournment. The session was opened with singing and prayer by D. A. Lanier.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Rev. R. H. Whitaker and Calvin Plyler arrived and took seats in the Conference.

The committee on Finance reported which after amendment was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved 1, That each member of this Conference be urged to contribute of his own means as early and liberally as possible for the objects specified in the fourth article of our constitution.

Resolved 2, That each member be earnestly requested to solicit contributions for said objects whenever and wherever he thinks it advisable to do so, and forward to the Financial Secretary at Raleigh.

LEVI BRANSON,
R. S. ABERNETHY,
J. M. PRICE. } COM.

The committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that we believe this to be one of the greatest auxiliaries to the church, and is therefore an indispensable church work.

Resolved 1, That our Local Ministers' Conference devote one hour to the discussion of Sunday School work during each session.

Resolved 2, That the local ministers of this Conference be requested to preach once a year on the importance of Sunday School work at all of their appointments.

Resolved 3, That we endeavor to infuse vitality in those schools already established, and organize all we can in destitute places, and recommend our own Sunday School literature from the Nashville Publishing House. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KENNEDY,
J. B. NAUGLE,
W. W. HOLLOWAY. } COM.

VERBAL REPORTS.

Calvin Plyler being called on reported—have preached 30 sermons; has been teaching; has also been preaching at out-of-the-way places. Hopes to enlarge his work for another year.

R. H. Whitaker reported—has preached on an average each Sabbath in the year; held a revival soon after last Conference at which 12 or 15 persons were converted; has held several revival meetings lately—has delivered quite a number of temperance addresses and attended to the editorial work of the *Spirit of the Age*. He is glad to work when there is an opening small or great, and is willing to be used even as "wedge-wood." Has preached 3 Sunday school sermons, baptized 4 persons and delivered several Sunday school addresses.

J. M. Watson raised a question as to the privilege of a local minister receiving members into the church. Expressions were had from various preachers to the sentiment that local preachers are assistant pastors and have a right to administer the ordinances within their pastorates and to receive persons into the church.

The Chair appointed as committee on Memoirs, Dr. R. L. Abernethy, J. M. Watson and J. H. Kennedy.

The Conference was adjourned with the benediction. W. P. Williams was announced to preach at night.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 9 A. M.

The Conference assembled on time, and services were held by R. H. Whitaker.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The Secretary read the report of T. M. Dula of Weaverville; also a communication from Dr. J. W. Vandiver.

W. P. Williams' report was read.

It was made the special order for 3 o'clock to elect officers and delegates to the next Conference.

The President adjourned the Conference with the benediction. Calvin Plyler was announced to preach at 11 A. M.

THURSDAY, 3 P. M.

The Conference assembled pursuant to adjournment, President Williams in the chair. J. M. Price conducted religious services.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Conference went into the special order, the election of officers for another year. The election resulted as follows:

President	R. H. Whitaker,
1st Vice President	Dr. B. F. Dixon,
2nd Vice President	Dr. J. H. Jenkins,
3rd Vice President	Alex Walker,
Financial Secretary	Levi Branson.

On motion of Dr. Abernethy the officers of the Conference, as an executive committee, were empowered and directed to appoint two clerical and two lay delegates from each presiding elder's district in the State. The following were appointed:

RALEIGH DISTRICT—clerical, W. J. W. Crowder and J. T. Moore; lay, M. Woodlief and George S. Baker.

DURHAM DISTRICT—clerical, W. H. Cuninggim and I. N. Mann; lay, V. Ballard and D. W. Whitaker.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT—clerical, Dr. J. P. Nicholson and E. E. Smith; lay, G. W. Sparger and R. R. Gwynn.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT—clerical, A. G. Kirkman and S. D. Franklin; lay J. W. Alspaugh and F. C. Robbins.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT—clerical, D. P. Goode and T. A. Dorsey; lay, W. Mc. Robbins and Horace Connelly.

SHELBY DISTRICT—clerical, Julius A. Kennedy and F. J. Hoke; lay, D. Matt Thompson and L. J. Hoyle.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT—clerical, J. W. Abernethy and Elias Overcash; lay H. B. Adams and W. H. Phifer.

SALISBURY DISTRICT—clerical, C. Plyler and I. M. Shaver; lay, J. M. Odell and Stephen W. Cole.

TRINITY DISTRICT—clerical, M. L. Brown and T. W. Mansfield; lay, P. C. Thomas and L. C. Hanes.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—clerical, Neill McN. Smith and John S. Pool; lay, C. B. Townsend and E. J. Lilly.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—clerical, W. R. Fergerson and Thomas B. Hall; lay J. L. Nicholson and D. A. Culbreth.

NEWBERN DISTRICT—clerical, W. B. Hancock and W. J. Gay; lay, Dr. J. F. Miller and Col. A. C. Davis.

WARRENTON DISTRICT—clerical, J. W. Heptinstall and Dr. B. F. Long; lay, C. A. Cook and W. H. Burwell.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT—clerical, J. L. Cherry and G. D. Langston; lay

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT—clerical, J. Allison and C. M. Greer; lay,

FRANKLIN DISTRICT—clerical, Dr. J. H. Jenkins and B. R. Phillips; lay.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT—clerical, W. W. Kennedy and J. W. Lee; lay,

The committee on Temperance reported as follows:

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report:

For over an hundred years this country has been engaged in the work of correcting and overcoming the prejudices and habits of our ancestors with reference to the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, and, as the years have gone by, that work has been increased and its influences felt and realized, until it has come to pass, that in every State, county, city, town, village and hamlet, within the borders of our great nation the Christian sentiment condemns drunkenness, and the drink traffic.

Your committee are of the opinion that, under the leadership of the Church of God, this good work will go on with increased zeal, and that the day cannot be far distant when, from the lakes to the gulf, and from oceau to ocean, our blest land will be freed from the curse of a legalized liquor traffic.

That this may be the more speedily accomplished, your committee recommend that every local preacher in North Carolina not only preach as often as practicable upon the subject of temperance, but, that he aid (when opportunity offers) in the organization of temper-

ance societies, in which the children and youths of the State may be trained in the principles of total abstinence and in the doctrine of prohibition.

R. H. WHITAKER,
C. PLYLER. } COM.

The following report from the committee on Education was read by Dr. Abernethy and adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:

We regard Education in its most extensive sense as the true complement of man's entire being, whether relating to his physical, mental, or moral nature. Its appliances run along the line of man's being from the cradle to the grave, and then in the great beyond, it runs parallel with God's eternity, unfolding the latent possibilities of our complex nature, developing and moulding men more and more into the glorious image and likeness of the infinite God, forever.

These thoughts make us feel that true Education belongs both to State and Church; to the former, for the express development of the physical and intellectual in man; and to the latter, for the forming and shaping of his spiritual essence into a fitness, according to the eternal law of fitness in things to dwell in the home of God forever.

Under these considerations, we are glad to know that many of our denominational schools, whose high aim has been to foster Christian Education, have also incorporated into their curriculums, systems of gymnastics and other arts of physical training.

It is with great pleasure that your committee point to the colleges and schools under the auspices of our church. Trinity and Greensboro are both in a very flourishing condition, and are worthy of the patronage of all our people. There are other church schools, and some that are not reputedly denominational that are doing most excellent work for the Church of God. We rejoice, therefore, that while "many run to and fro and knowledge is increased in the land," that the tendency of our educational influences are more directly towards man's highest and best interests, than it has ever been in the history of the Church.

We heartily recommend the patronage of all our church schools.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. ABERNETHY,
JAS. M. WATSON,
D. A. LANIER. } COM.

On motion of W. P. Williams the Secretary was requested to publish a synopsis of our proceedings in the Raleigh Christian Advocate, Statesville Christian Advocate and the Spirit of the Age, also such other papers as he may select.

On motion the Conference adjourned until after services on Sunday night.

The new President was conducted to the chair and after appropriate remarks, proceeded to close the business of the Conference in regular order.

The Financial Secretary read his report for the year which was adopted:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

LEVI BRANSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY,

To N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, DR.

To cash received of	W. B. Hancock,	$ 1.00
" "	Mac G. Davenport,	.50
" "	N. McN. Smith,	1.00
" "	John M. Price,	.10
" "	J. H. White,	.50
" "	W. W. G. Holloway,	.50
" "	Eli C. Sell,	.10
" "	Solomon Lea,	.50
" "	George L. Fulcher,	2.00
" "	D. A. Lanier,	1.00
" "	James M. Watson,	1.75
" "	J. B. Naugle,	3.00
" "	A. N. Wells,	1.00
" "	Reuben Washburn,	1.00
" "	W. P. Williams,	2.00
" "	J. M. Watson,	1.25
" "	R. H. Whitaker,	2.00
" "	C. Plyler,	1.50
" "	Joseph H. Kennedy,	.25
" "	J. D. Glass,	.50
" "	F. R. Kaylor,	1.00
" "	W. K. Houk,	.50
" "	R. S. Abernethy,	.25
" "	D. B. Austin,	1.00
" "	Public collections,	18.69
" "	Balance	22.67
		$65.56

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By 600 Minutes of 1887,	$30.00
" Deficit of 1887,	20.56
" Printing 300 blank reports,	2.50
" 400 large and 300 small envelopes,	3.00
" Postage on Minutes,	3.50
" Postage on blank reports,	3.00
" Postage correspondence,	1.00
" Postage on Tabernacle reports,	2.00
	65.56

Resolutions were passed complimentary to the citizens of Rutherford College and Connelly Springs; also to the railroads for favors granted, and to the State press for publishing the Conference and Tabernacle meeting.

WRITTEN REPORTS.

W. B. Hancock—Have not made a full record of work, have received 3 members into the church. Am in full sympathy with the Local Ministers' Conference and send $1 for the minute fund.

F. A. Vines—Have had 3 regular appointments, preached 23 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath school and held 4 prayer meetings.

D. B. Austin—Have preached 40 sermons; am engaged at the Life Saving Station at Coffey's Inlet but find some time to work at trying to save souls. Send $1 for the minute fund.

Reuben Washburn—Have had 1 regular appointment, preached 6 sermons. Feel deep interest in the Local Ministers' Conference. Send $1 for minute fund.

LETTER FROM J. W. LEE.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—I am very much obliged for your circular in reference to your great Tabernacle meeting at Rutherford College on 17—27 inst.

I have a strong desire to be present on that occasion but I fear I shall not be able. I am the Assistant Secretary of the National Local Preachers' Association of the United States, and our next annual Convention will be held at Columbus, Ohio, on the third Sunday in September continuing until the following Tuesday evening. My official connection with that body will, if possible, compel my presence at that meeting, and pressure of business will not permit my absence for both. Having an earnest desire to be identified with my brethren of the local ministry of North Carolina I would be obliged if you would have my name enrolled as a member of your Association and when you let me know what your annual dues are I will send same to you.

I am a Local Deacon being ordained by Bishop Key at last session of the Virginia Conference at Danville.

I will send you a report of my work with my subscription, as per blank at foot of your circular in time for your Conference.

Please let me know the fare and route to Rutherford College from Edenton, so that if I can spare the time I may look in on you.

I send you a copy of our minutes of Convention held at Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1886. I will send you one of 1887 held at Harrisburgh, Pa. when I get a fresh supply, for which I will write to printers.

With kindest regards for you personally, having met you when you were here a few months ago, and praying God's richest blessings to attend your Conference gathering,

I am yours fraternally and sincerely, J. W. LEE.

LETTER FROM L. M. PEASE.

DEAR BROTHER:—Yours of September 24th came duly to hand. In reply to it and one previously received I would say my hands are full. I would gladly aid you but cannot. In my school in Asheville I have 65 to provide for and three-fourths of them pay nothing. More are coming daily. Herewith I send you circular of the school. You have my best wishes for the success of your enterprise.

Yours truly, L. M. PEASE.

G. L. Fulcher—Have had two regular appointments, preached 36 sermons. Feel much interest in our Local Ministers' Conference. Send $2 for minute and expense fund.

F. R. Kaylor—Have had 2 regular appointments, preached 24 sermons and baptized 4 persons. Send $1 for minute fund.

W. K. Houk—Have had 2 regular appointments, preached 6 sermons, delivered 15 exhortations, held 70 prayer meetings, held 4 class meetings, organized and superintended 2 Sunday schools. Send 50 cents for minute fund.

W. P. Williams—Have preached 60 sermons, held 5 prayer meetings, baptized 11 persons and received 2 into the church; have traveled about 3,000 miles in the interest of the Masonic order and Knights of Honor, and also in the interest of our Conference; have preached frequently 3 times on Sunday. Send $2 for minute fund.

D. A. Lanier—Have had 3 regular appointments, preached 42 sermons, organized 1 Sabbath school, held 12 prayer meetings and baptized 2 persons; assisted regular pastor and took active part in the Sunday school work. Send $1 for minute fund.

A. L. Coburn—Have been preaching 2 years and am not ordained; have 4 regular appointments, preached 84 sermons, organized 2 Sunday schools, held 10 prayer meetings and received 25 members. See letter:

DEAR BROTHER:—I would be glad to send you some money, but can not at this time. I am a poor man living on rented land and have a wife and six children to support. I have been doing all the work that I could but have received but little. I went into a very wild and wicked field last year and began to preach. I succeeded in organizing a society of 25 members and have built a good frame church 25x40 and have received $2.90 only, but I feel that God has blessed me.

I would love to be with you all, but my work and circumstances are such as to deprive me of what I consider a great privilege. God bless your meeting. Pray for me. Respectfully, A. L. COBURN.

David Brown—Have preached about 25 sermons and baptized 15 persons; am very old and feeble, have served as a local preacher about 40 years and will soon go to my reward—am now awaiting the coming of the Lord. I would like very much to attend the Tabernacle meeting.

Isaac N. Mann—Have done the pastor's work one month during his absence North, have assisted in the circuit work all the year besides having one regular appointment. Hope to be at the Tabernacle meeting.

W. R. Furgerson—Has preached 8 sermons, held 20 prayer meetings, and baptized 4 persons. Feels much attached to the Local Conference.

Solomon Lea—Have had 3 regular appointments, preached 30 sermons, delivered 12 addresses to S. Schools and Bright Jewels, held 3 prayer meetings and am in heart and sentiment with the Local Ministers' Conference. Send 50 cents for the minute fund.

S. R. Trawick—Have had 3 appointments and preached about 60 sermons; am teaching and have over 100 pupils to care for, enjoy working for the Master.

W. W. G. Holloway—Have had 1 regular appointment, preached 15 sermons and held 6 prayer meetings. Send 50 cents for minute fund.

F. S. Starrette—Have had 2 regular appointments, preached 58 sermons, organized 1 Sunday school and held 55 prayer meetings.

J. S. Brooks—Have had 3 regular appointments, preached 45 sermons, organized 2 Sunday schools, baptized 4 persons and received 4 into the church—doing all I can for Christ.

J. H. White—Am in affliction of the body; have preached only 2 sermons and held 4 prayer meetings during the year. See letter:

DEAR BROTHER:—I am truly sorry that I cannot be with you and en-

joy the precious seasons of grace from the presence of the Lord which I hope you may have from time to time during the meeting. My health has been very poor for some time. I am now suffering with bronchitis, and am under treatment by a physician for the same. My heart is with you, and my prayer is that God may get to himself a great name at the Tabernacle Conference this year. Give my love to the brethren and ask them to pray for me that such a worthless worm as I may be found at God's right hand "where congregations ne'er break up and Sabbaths have no end." Yours in Christ, J. H. WHITE.

R. S. Abernethy—Have been in charge of Morganton circuit. had 10 regular appointments and 3 to 5 occasional ones. 10 Sunday schools, 9 class meetings and 9 prayer meetings; have baptized 22 infants and 5 adults, received into the church 29 persons, removed by letter 10. by expulsion 2, withdrawal 1, and death 15. Work has been laborious but exceedingly pleasant. Have not missed an appointment in the year.

John M. Price—Have had 2 regular appointments, preached 37 sermons and held 10 prayer meetings.

N. McN. Smith—Have had 3 regular appointments, preached 45 sermons and baptized 1 person. Send $1 for minute fund.

A. N. Wells—Have had 3 regular appointments, attended 2 circuit Sunday school conferences delivering an address on each occasion, and assisted pastor in protracted meetings.

William Byrd—Have preached 8 sermons, held 20 prayer meetings. baptized 6 persons and aided brother E. Pope on Newton Grove Mission from August 1887 to January 1888. Feel much interest in the Conference.

W. R. Wine—Have had 1 regular appointment, preached 23 sermons, held 20 prayer meetings, baptized 1 person and received 2 into church membership.

Mac. G Davenport—Have had 1 regular appointment. preached 30 sermons and held 10 prayer meetings. Expect to attend Conference. Send 50 cents for minute fund.

A. H. Perry—Have 2 regular appointments, engaged in work every Sunday preaching at different places. spend several weeks each year in protracted meetings. Would like to attend the Conference—greatly desire the success of our local work and the salvation of men.

J. H. Jenkins—Have preached 40 sermons, held 45 prayer meetings, baptized one person and received 3 into the church. Held a district Local Preachers' meeting at Bethel, Haywood county, July 25. See report:

DEAR BROTHER:—In response to the order of President Williams I called a meeting of the local preachers in the Franklin district, Holston Conference, to be held at Bethel, Haywood county, on July 25th, the day before the opening of our district conference at that place. I opened the meeting promptly at 10 o'clock and the following brethren answered to the first roll call: Henry Reno, Dr. H. A. Smathers, J. W. Terrell and J. S. Brooks. At the afternoon session P. P. McLean answered to his name.

Rev. Henry Reno reported that he had preached 125 sermons, received 75 into the church, assisted pastors in other meetings where there had been 175 conversions and is still working in the cause. Rev. Dr. H. A. Smathers is traveling in his profession and preaching whenever an opportunity offers. Rev. J. S. Brooks has been doing some missionary work on the Hayesville circuit. Rev. P. P. McLean has been in charge of Charleston circuit this year and has had over 150 additions to the church, is doing a good work.

I am trying to work up a deeper interest in the cause and hope to be

more successful in the future. I find that our local preachers and the people generally have never learned to support the institutions of the church in this transmountain country; our preachers are poorly paid.

I have charge of the Sunday school at this place and have a good school, work as superintendent, teacher and secretary in the school, hold prayer meetings once a week and preach nearly every Sabbath. Am pretty well worked for a man of 64 years with other business to look after, but God is with me and still blesses me and my labors.

I send herewith a list of the local preachers in the Franklin district, corrected by the pastors of each charge at our district conference; also my report. Yours in Christ, J. H. JENKINS.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday were spent in religious exercises of the most pleasant character. Four sermons were preached each day and a great assembly was had under the Tabernacle building on Sunday morning and evening. At night amid touching revival scenes the Conference and Tabernacle meeting closed until August of next year.

R. H. WHITAKER, Pres.

LEVI BRANSON, Sec.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening by the President.
2. Revising and correcting roll.
3. Address of the President.
4. Appointment of committees.
5. Reading written reports.
6. Verbal reports of delegates.
7. Selecting delegates.
8. Discuss plans for increased usefulness.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Select place for next meeting.
11. Election of officers.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Benediction.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

The Bible, History and Biography.
The Discipline.
Binne's Theological Compend.
Wesley's sermons on Justification and on the Witness of the Spirit.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE.

Preacher's Text-Book.
Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary.
Watson's Institutes.
Ruter's Gregory's Church History.
Catechism on Church Government.

FOR ELDER'S ORDERS.

The Bible—Doctrines.
The Discipline.
Manual of Discipline.
Watson's Institutes.
Wesley's sermons.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE.

Paine's Life of McKendree.
Prelatical Succession Examined.
Watson's Life of Wesley.
Watson's sermons.
Clark's Commentary.
Summers on Gospels and Acts.
Wheedon's Commentary.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SEC. 1. This body shall be known as the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference, and shall be governed by this constitution and such by-laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the Discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastor in building up the church at large.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The membership of this Conference shall consist of two lay and two clerical delegates from each Presiding Elder's District and such other Local Preachers as may be present and recognized by the Conference.

SEC. 2. The delegates and alternates to this Conference shall be elected each year by this Conference for the succeeding Conference, and any vacancies which may occur during the year shall be filled by the President.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an Annual Address or Sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the constitution and by-laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same as directed by the financial committee.

SEC. 4. The officers of this Conference shall constitute a finance committee, the President being chairman, which committee shall direct the application of all the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expenses of publishing and distributing the minutes shall be applied annually to the relief of such members and families of the members, as the Financial Committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ART. V. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	NAME.	POST OFFICE.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

Baily, Robert, licentiate, Dayton
Ball, J. H., " Franklinton
Branson, Levi, elder, Raleigh
Burt, J. H., deacon Holly Springs
Butt, J. F. elder Dunn
Byrd, W. elder Averasboro
Crowder, W. J. W. licen Raleigh
Culbreth, G. licen Averasboro
Dixon, Dr. B. F. elder Oxford
Floyd, J. B. deacon Wilton
Hester, W. H. licen., Henderson
Hester, W. S. elder, Oxford
Hester, B. B. elder, - Oxford
Meacham, D. P. elder, Raleigh
Moore, J. T. licen, Wake Forest
Nordon, N. B. deacon, Princeton
Schively, D. L. exhorter, Raleigh
Smith, T. L. D. deac, Louisburg
Turner, T. licentiate, - Wilton
Whitaker, R. H. deacon, Raleigh

DURHAM DISTRICT.

Clegg, Thos. licentiate, Pittsboro
Cuninggim, W. H. el.. Chapel Hill
Durham, W. T. licen., Durham
Exum,—— licentiate, Durham
Forbes, W. A. licentiate, Roxboro
Long, J. B. elder, - - Grove
Lea, Solomon elder, - Leasburg
Massey, P. H. lic, Patterson's Mill
Mann, I. N. elder, - Siler City
Perry, A. H. licentiate, Pittsboro
Stewart, J. licen, Chalk Level
Thompson, W. H. elder, Oaks
Walker, Alexander, dea. Durham
Webb, W. R. elder, - Roxboro

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

Alspaugh, John elder, Mt. Tabor
Barrentine, D. licen, Greensboro
Brown, W. A. elder, Greensboro
Clemons, S. S. licen, Walkertown
Doub, Newton licen, - Vienna
Doub, J. B. licentiate, Vienna
Field, Daniel elder. Leaksville
Franklin, S. D. elder, Winston
Joyner, P. H. elder, Greensboro
Jefferson, J. H. elder, Winston
Jones, Dr. T. M. eld., Greensboro
Kirkman, A. G. dea., Greensboro
Kisler, S. F. licen., Greensboro
Long, S. elder, - - - Salem
Martin, J. licen, - Walkertown
Miller, Joseph deacon, - Salem
Mock, J. C. licentiate, Vienna
Petree, J. E. deacon, Mt. Tabor
Stafford, R. M. licen, Greensboro
Waymick, W. A. lic.. Reidsville
Wilson, N. H. D. li., Greensboro
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Holcombe, Dr. D. F. d.. Rockford
Johnson, W. licen., - Francisco
Long, A. M. licentiate, - Culler
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Matthews, J. M. lic., Yadkinville
Needham, Jesse licentiate, Bliss
Needham; James licentiate, Bliss
Nicholson, Dr. J. P. el Eagle Mills
Needham, W. T. licentiate, Bliss
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Simpson, T. H. licen., East Bend

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Abernethy, R. L. eld., Ruth'd Col
Abernethy, R. S. dea., " "
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Brown, David elder, Mooresville
Brown, J. C. licentiate, Marion
Cherry, W. S. C. lic., Ruth'd Col
Bush, J. A. licentiate, Lenoir
Dorsey, T. A. elder, Morganton
Edmundson, W. E. li., Morganton
Fisher, G. W. li., Mount'n Creek
Goode, D. P. eld., Con'ly Spri'gs
Harman, F. A. li., " "
Helton, J. S. licentiate, Lenoir
Houk, W. K. licen.,. Morganton
Holloway, J. G. W. licen., Lenoir
Holloway, W. W. li.. Ruth'd Col
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Morrow, D. F. dea.. Tryon City
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Nelson, W. A. licen., Taylorsville
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Payne, J. N. licen., Morganton
Rogers, T. J. licen., Ruth'd Col
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Somers, J. N. elder, Morganton
Starrette, F. S. deacon, Bilesville
Stamey, E. L. licentiate, Newton
Steele, M. T. licen., Dysartville
Stimson, D. C. elder - Lenoir
Tuttle, M. H. licen., Hartland
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Helton. Robert, lic. Jacob's Fork
Hoke, Franklin, lic. Lincolnton
Hoyle, J. T. lic. Camp Creek
Kennedy, J. A. lic. Iron Station
Ledford, R. licen. ———
Lee, J. A. licen. Holly Bush
Moon, P. D. lic., Duncan's Cr'k
Morris, Josiah licentiate, ———
Rollins, V. licen., Double Shoals
Smith, L. L. licentiate, Shelby
Tate, Daniel licentiate, - Ferry
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Washburn, R. lic., Green's Gr've

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Ellington, F. S- dea., Mint Hill
Fincher, B. F. licentiate. Stout
Hale, Hosea deacon, Matthews
Kendall, T. W. elder, - Monroe
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Page, —— licentiate, Charlotte
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Plyler, C. elder, - Salisbury
Simpson, Jacob, licen., Concord
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Sell, Eli C., licentiate, "
Walker, Vincent, eld., Calahan
Williams, W. P.,eld., Dav'n Col

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Crowell. Pres. J. F. eld. Trin Col
Cecil, S. A. lic. - High Point
Gretter, E. licen. Red Cross
Marsh, Bonner E. dea. Mt. Gilead
Mansfield, T. W. licen. Siler City
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Pegram, John, lic. Chalk Level
Phillips, L. elder, - Fair Haven
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Pool, John S. licentiate, - Troy
Sanders, Hardy elder, - Big Oak

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Webb, Leonard elder, - Dudo
Wray, P. J. elder, - Chalk Level

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Craig, J. W. licen., Wilmington
Fergerson, W. R. dea., Southp't Hall.
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Johnson, Owen licentiate, Dismal
Johnson, Joshua licen., Ammon
Long, —— licentiate, - Ingold
Morlow, —— licentiate, Ingold
Spell, Owen licentiate, - Dismal
Sutton, Josiah licentiate, ———
Tart, J. H. licentiate, Fair Bluff
Williams, Benjamin lic., Supply

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Hancock, W. B. licen., Beaufort
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Kennedy, J. W. licen., Goldsboro
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Perkins, Dr. E. L. eld., Newport
Porter, D. W. licen., Swift Creek
Powell, Henry dea., Vanceboro
Reid, Daniel deacon, Vanceboro
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Harrell, *W.* H. licen., - Palmyra
Hoover, J. T. licentiate, Toisnot
Glenn, E. C. licentiate, Greenville
Hearne, B. H. deacon, Greenville
Humber, O. P. elder, Greenville
Langston, G. D. licen., - Aurora
Lowe, *W.* licentiate, - Columbia
Moore, R. elder, - Greenville
Page, K. R. licentiate, Rodanthe
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Blackburn, H. B. dea., "
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Cole, *W.* licentiate, - Scottsville
Cole, T. M. licen. Weaverville
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Cordell, J. V. li., Hominy Creek
Dula, T. M. licen., *W*eaverville
English, A. F. li., Davidson riv'r
Felts, T. B. licen., - Bakersville
Gibbs, *W.* licentiate, - - Celo
Gibson, J. licentiate, Town creek
Gellespie, J. F. licen., Leicester
Greer, C. M. licen., Horse Shoe
Hawkins, J. M. licen., Asheville
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Miller, *W.* G. licen., - Asheville
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Pease, L. M. elder, - Asheville
Penly, G. *W.* elder, Hominy cr'k
Penland, R. licentiate, Leicester
Reagan, Dr. J. A. e., *W*eaverville
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Weaver, E. licen., " "
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Grant, W. elder, - - - Jackson
Jordan, A. S. licentiate, Hertford
Jordan, Costin elder, - Sunbury
Kennedy, W. W. el., Elizabeth City
Lee, J. W. elder, - - Edenton
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Curtis, M. H. licentiate, - Otto
Fuget, C. B. dea., Cashier'sValley
Hampton, E. H. deacon, Whittier
Jenkins, Dr. J. H. elder, Whittier
Ketron, R. G. elder - Hayesville
Marr, E. C. licentiate, Nantahala
McGee, W. lic., Jonathan's Cr'k
McLean, P. P. elder, - Whittier
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HARMAN, F. A.	" "
HOLLOWAY, W. W.	Rutherford College
HOLLOWAY, J. G. W.	Lenoir
IVEY, T. N.	N. C. Conference
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LANIER, D. A.	Cedar Valley
MCCALL, J. C.	Rutherford College
MARTIN, W. P.	M. P. Conference
NAUGLE, J. B.	Rutherford College
NOLEN, L. M.	Friends
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PLYLER, C.	Salisbury
POOL, S.	N. C. Conference
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Wood, M. L.	Rockingham
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Local Preachers' Conference

AND

Tabernacle Meeting

FOR THE YEAR 1889,

AT RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, N. C.

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CONFERENCE AND TABERNACLE EXERCISES.

FRIDAY, August 16—ENCAMPMENT DAY.

SAT. August 17—LOVE FEAST and other Religious Exercises.

SUN., August 18—SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS MEETING at 9 o'clock; PREACHING at 11, A. M. and 3, P. M., and at night.

☞ Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, Wednesday, 21st and Thursday, 22nd—sessions of Local Ministers' Conference interspersed with Religious Worship. During these four days all the Local Preachers who may be able to attend should be present to participate in the deliberations of the body, as the Conference, proper, will not hold its sessions after Thursday. ☜

☞ Friday, 23rd and Saturday, 24th will be devoted to the discussion of such topics as may be selected looking to the increased usefulness of the Tabernacle Meetings.

SUNDAY, 25th—TABERNACLE DAY.

MONDAY, 26th—CLOSING SERVICES.

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A number of eminent speakers will attend during the Conference who will be assigned places on the programme.

Write to Prof. Berge Abernethy, at the College, about tents, &c.

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LEVI BRANSON, SEC.,
Raleigh, N. C.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Local Ministers' Conference,

(M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,)

FOR THE STATE OF

North Carolina,

HELD AT

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, N. C.,

August 16th to 26th, 1889.

R. HARPER WHITAKER, Raleigh, President.
T. L. TROY, Greenville, S. C., 1st Vice-President.
DR. B. F. DIXON, Oxford, 2nd Vice-President.
Dr. R. L. ABERNETHY, Rutherford, 3rd Vice-President.
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Rutherford College, N. C.,
August 16th, 1889.

Friday, August 16, being encampment day a number of people assembled at Rutherford College. Services were held in the Chapel at night and Ira Erwin, of Winston, preached.

Saturday, August 17.

Levi Branson preached at 11 A. M., J. W. Kennedy at 3 P. M., in the College Chapel and T. L. Troy at night. J. G. Holloway concluded after Bro. Kennedy.

T. L. Troy conducted an experience meeting in the College Chapel at 9 A. M.

Sunday, August 18.

Levi Branson preached at 11 A. M., under the Tabernacle. At 3 P. M., Judge Augustus S. Merrimon delivered an address at the Tabernacle, from the subject, "Man's duty to God, to his fellow man and to himself."

The meeting was opened by Frank L. Reid, and the Judge was introduced by Dr. R. L. Abernethy. The service was quite a success being highly appreciated by all present. T. L. Troy preached at night in the College Chapel and several penitents came to the altar.

Monday, August 19, 9 A. M.

The N. C. Local Ministers' Conference assembled in the College Chapel at 9 A. M.

R. L. Abernethy D. D., was called to the chair, *pro tem.* J. C. McCall conducted the services by singing, prayer and reading a lesson from the Psalms. The delegates present were enrolled and the roll of Local ministers was taken up by Districts. Quite a number of corrections and additions were made to the roll.

The President made a number of remarks relative to the object and plans of the Conference.

Revs. Frank L. Reid, W. F. Coffin and T. H. Edwards of the N. C. Conference were present and participated.

On motion the Conference adjourned until 2 P. M. T. H. Edwards was announced to preach at 11 A. M. The Benediction pronounced by the President.

MONDAY, 3 P. M.

The Conference assembled to order, and was opened by W. G. Holloway. The minutes were read, corrected and then approved. The roll of Ministers was again taken up and corrections made, also additions.

On motion of Levi Branson, Dr. R. L. Abernethy, W. F. Coffin and Logan B. Abernethy, were constituted a committee on divine services. The conference adjourned with the benediction by the President. Robt. S. Abernethy was appointed to preach at night.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 9 A. M.

President Abernethy called the conference to order on time, and the opening sevices were conducted by T. L. Troy. The minutes were read and approved. Written reports were called and quite a number were read by the Secretary. Several from ministers who had never before reported.

VERBAL REPORTS.

Verbal reports being called. T. L. Troy, colporteur for American Bible Society, said he had visited about 10,000 families and found nearly 1,200 without the Bible. Has held many meetings, visited many sick and had some conversions.

Robt. S. Abernethy is serving Table Rock Circuit—has seven regular appointments—serves the people about once a month—has two local preachers on his work and faithful men; one, Bro. J. N. Somers has three regular appointments and is popular among the people; as also Bro. G. N. Austin, who does good work.

On motion the conference adjourned until 3 P. M. Dr. R. L. Abernethy was announced to preach at 11 A. M. Robt. S. Abernety preached last night and four penitents came to the altar. The President pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY. 3 P M.

The conference met at the time appointed. Vice-President Dr. B. F. Dixon in the chair. B. F. Carpenter held the opening services, after which the Secretary read the minutes of the morning session. The minutes were approved. The secretary then read a large number of written reports from local preachers in various parts of the State. A letter from L. W. Pigott, of Norfolk, Va., a former member of this Local Conference, gave a very interesting account of mission work done in the suburban village of Huntersville.

VERBAL REPORTS.

Dr. R. L. Abernethy rendered a verbal report as follows: Has preached 82 sermons, and baptized 16 persons—has traveled and preached much in addition to teaching 190 students in the college—thinks he ought to have done more work than he has done.

W. G. Holloway reported 35 sermons, held 7 prayer meetings, organized 2 Sunday-schools; baptized 2 people; has served the McDowell Mission; has organized 1 church and secured a lot.

Dr. B. F. Dixon reported as follows:—Has had charge of 255 orphans in the Oxford Orphan Asylum—he has preached to these children every Sunday, and is trying to train them for Christ. He has been in charge of the Asylum for six years.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted by unananimous vote:

WHEREAS, Our roll of membership as a L. M. Conference is incomplete:

Resolved, That we ask each Presiding Elder in the State to furnish Dr. Branson a full list of all the Local Preachers in his District. Submitted by R. S. Abernethy.

On motion the following committees were appointed by the chair:

ON TEMPERANCE—R. L. Abernethy, J. W. Kennedy, Hosea Hale.

ON EDUCATION—R. S. Abernethy, T. L. Troy, J. C. McCall.

President Dixon pronounced the benediction. Dr. B. F. Dixon was announced to preach at night.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 9 A. M.

The conference assembled pursuant to adjournment. Opening services by Levi Branson, Dr. B. F. Dixon in the chair, the minutes were read and approved.

VERBAL REPORTS.

D. P. Goode made verbal report—has had three regular appointments and has preached as opportunity presented. Has had no salary.

Hosea Hale reported that owing to his continued affliction has not been able to preach for over two years. Has settled at the college to educate his children, but hopes to regain his health so as to work actively as a local preacher.

On motion a committee of three was raised on the Constitution, the chair appointing Dr. R. L. Abernethy, T. L. Troy and Levi Branson as committee. Dr B. F. Dixon was added to the committee.

Under the head of business for increased usefulness, the question was propounded, viz: what can be done to best enlist the interest of our local preachers?

It was resolved that the Secretary be requested to secure at an early day special preachers or speakers for special hours during the next Tabernacle meeting.

On motion the conference adjourned with the benediction by the President. Levi Branson was announced to preach at 11 A. M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 3 P. M.

The Conference assembled at the time appointed, Dr. Abernethy in the chair, *pro tem.* The minutes were read and approved. M. A. Holler opened the meeting with singing and prayer. The Chair resumed the order of business considering the plans for increased usefulness. After discussing many plans, it was decided that highway and hedge work should be attended to faithfully by all local preachers, a field promising good and great results.

On motion Thursday 3 p. m. was made the special order for election of officers.

The Chair appointed Hosea Hale, Levi Branson and Martin A. Holler, a committee on memoirs.

The President adjourned the conference with the benediction. D. P. Goode was announced to preach at night.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 9 A. M.

The conference assembled at the usual hour. President R. Harper Whitaker in the chair. M. A. Holler conducted the opening services. The minutes of yesterday evening's session were read and approved.

The President then read his annual address as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren of the N. C. Local Ministers' Conference:

It was a great disappointment to me not to be able to meet with you on the first day of our meeting, for I had been looking forward to this meeting with pleasant anticipations, and hoping that I should be able to be at both the opening and closing sessions, as well as at all the intermediate sittings; but a severe attack of malarial fever so completely prostrated me that it required a much longer time than I supposed it would for me to regain sufficient strength to make the journey here. But, thanks to an always kind Providence, I find myself with you to-day.

I congratulate you, dear brethren, upon the return of this our annual reunion, and I pray that our meeting may be a blessing, spiritually, both to ourselves and to the dear people who, for so many years, have thrown open their doors and their hearts to receive us, and have so hospitably entertained us. May the blessings of God rest upon this people and upon us who are visitors, while, as co-laborers in the Master's vineyard, we Tabernacle here!

"Go preach!" is the great command. How to preach and when to preach, and to whom to preach are questions which in our discussions of plans for increased usefulness, may not inappropriately claim our attention; for we are here to study these and kindred questions; the consideration of which should lead us to a closer walk with God and a more earnest and complete consecration of ourselves to his service. As to "how to preach," there is but one answer—preach the Gospel—not the doctrines of men, but repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and in order that the presentation of the Gospel may be attractive and winning, we should at all times, be able to witness with our lives and experiences, the truth of the doctrines we preach.

A theoretical discourse upon the love of God as manifested in the gift of His Son to redeem the world may, on account of its beauty and polish, charm an audience; but, if added to beauty of language and polish of rhetoric, the preacher is able to say: "I know that my Redeemer liveth" or "I know that I have passed from death unto life"—"I know that the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost;" and that "He came not to call the righteous butsinners to repentance," the discourse becomes, at once, irresistable, if so be, the every day life of the preacher who thus boldly proclaims the truth of the Gospel, corroborates his public teaching.

When Shall We Preach? Let the answer be:

Every day, and every hour in the day. Every act of life should be a sermon attesting the all sufficiency of the Gospel to make men who

must needs labor for the meat which perisheth (wherewith the body is fed), bright and shining lights, even amid those labors which weary both body and mind, and often times make the soul sick.

Brethren of the Local Ministry, ours is indeed a difficult station to fill—one that requires much grace. We must labor with our hands to feed ourselves and families—and in doing that we are constantly brought into sharp contact with the world—the money loving world, and it is not to be wondered at, that we have our trials and troubles.

It is not only expected of us that we preach for nothing while we support ourselves and families, but the further burden is laid upon us to assist in the support of the itinerants. We do not complain on account of these things, but mention them merely to show the position of a local preacher is a difficult one to fill. But vigilant watchfulness and constant prayer will always keep the armour bright and the soul aglow with that heavenly exstacy which will enable us, even in the darkest hours, to say—"Though he slay me yet will I trust in him." But, shall we confine ourselves simply to the preaching that may be done while in the pursuits of every day life? By no means. We must preach to the great congregation whenever the opportunity offers; and we are not to wait until our pastor or our presiding elder makes the opportunity—sit idly around until sicknees or the absence of the pastor makes an opening for us—but we are to go out and get congregations of our own, under an harbor it may be, or if that be impossible, then on the street corner.

Too many of our local brethren, I very much fear, are seated away back in the shade, upon their dignity, and will not preach, or at least, do not preach, because the pastor does not come to them and invite them to preach in his stead at this or some other place.

Brethren, the field is large enough for us all to find preaching places; and souls are perishing all around us; and if we never see the inside of a plastered or ceiled church building, we can, nevertheless, tell the story of Jesus and his love to sinners, who are just as precious in the sight of God as are those to whom we may never be invited to preach.

And this leads me to the third and last question:—To whom shall we preach? I answer, to dying men and women. To rich men? Yes: To poor men? Yes. To cultivated women? Yes. To ignorant women? Yes. To murderers, thieves, liars and adulterers? Yes. *Preach the Gospel to All.* The sinner in his rags is no more a sinner than is the sinner in his purple and fine linen. The sinner in his moonshine distillery is no more a sinner than is the so-called moral man who rejects God. Whosoever believeth on the Son of God shall be saved—be he a poor man or rich man, a mean man formerly, or a moral man. There is no difference. All are sinners, and Christ died alike for all.

By all this I mean to say, we must not choose the flock to whom we would minister, but go out into the highways and hedges and blow the Gospel Trumpet, and in the language of the old prophet exclaim: "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." And then in the language of the blessed Saviour let him say: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your soul."

I offer no suggestions for the reason that I find the session of the

Local Conference almost at an end, but I do wish to emphasize this one thought, that as we become better acquainted with each other, we, by our meetings and discussions become better acquainted with the privileges, duties and grand possibilities of the local ministry; our responsibilities are thereby multiplied and to meet those multiplied responsibilities it becomes us to walk closer to our God, day by day, to the end that we may more constantly and perfectly do His will.

Dear Brethren, I thank you for the very high honor you conferred upon me last year, in making me the president of this body, and I am only sorry that sickness has kept me from doing more than I have toward making this session a success.

May the benediction of Heaven continue to rest upon this Conference, and in the judgment may it be said to each and to all of its members—"Well done good and faithful servants enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

R. H. WHITAKER.

Dr. R. L Abernethy read the following report of the committee on constitution, which was unanimously adopted:

Article II of the constitution shall be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC I. The membership of this Conference shall consist of such Local Ministers and Laymen as may be recognized by the conference, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the M. E. Church South.

R. L. ABERNETHY, Chm.

T. L. Troy, Chairman of committee on Education, reported as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The committee submits the following report:

We feel that education is one of the greatest blessings to man; it rules both State and church. From the annual reports of the different conference schools and those otherwise, we feel that the schools generally are in a progressive state. The demand for better methods and more thorough instruction is growing rapidly. Our grades, primary and common are growing more effective. By the aid of our State Normals and county institutes, teachers are being better prepared for their work in the special schools. This is a move in the right direction. The small streams feed the large streams. Improve our primary schools, and we make a higher grade for our colleges.

We are glad to report a general improvement along this line. It is a matter of congratulation that so many of our colleges and high schools are presided over by members of the Local Ministers Conference for instance, Trinity College, by Dr. Crowell; Rutherford College, by Dr. Abernethy; Greensboro Female College, by Dr. Jones; Leasburg Academy, by Sol Lee; Asheville Home Industrial school, by L. M. Pease; Newberne Academy, by Geo. W. Neal, and many other good schools in different parts of the State. We commend our brethren for engaging so largely in this special line of moral and religious work so wonderfully suited to the capacities and circumstances of our class.

THADDEUS L. TROY.

On motion of Dr. Abernethy the time and place of the next Conference were fixed as follows, viz: at Rutherford College, commencing on Tuesday night, before the last Sabbath in July, of 1890. The Secretary read a letter and report from W. P. Williams, of Davidson College.

Judge Merrimon was announced to address the Y. M. C. A. at 11 o'clock. The President adjourned the conference with the benediction.

THURSDAY, 3 P. M.

President R. Harper Whitaker convened the conference on time. T. L. Troy conducted the opening services.

R. L. Abernethy, chairman, read the report on Temperance which was unaniamously adopted as follows:

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report that, taking a general view of the subject, the outlook is, at this period, remarkably gloomy. Notwithstanding the great work which is being done by the various organizations of our country, it is a lamentable fact that the government and even the christian church itself, in North Carolina are under the domination of the liquor power. Public moral sentiment is such that men who are elected from time to time to enact our laws, are fearful of a political immolation were they to attempt the formulation of any act that might relieve our people of the curse of this infamy of imfamies.

The putrid moral sentiment existing in the church to-day, is spawning distileries upon nearly every little branch in our country, erecting saloons in every town and city, setting up little, low, mean doggeries at every cross road; and seducing our sons down to the chambers of eternal death. Under the fig leaves of High and Low license, men who are reputedly called the sons of God Almighty, are striving to hide the shame and sin of the liquor curse by sacrificing the happiness and lives of our fellow beings at the shrine of their elevation and prosperity. But sad as our condition really is, time is drawing the line of demarcation between the clean and unclean more distinctly every year, and in our humble opinion, the time is not far distant when intelligent christian men will see their heinous sin in its clearest light, and will rise *en masse* and blot it from the face of our fair land.

Your committee would urge it upon every member of this conference to throw all his influence upon the side of Temperance, uniting whenever he can do so, with any and every form of organization designed to suppress the liquor traffic, and by preaching as often as possible during the ensuing year upon the great temperance question.

Respectfully submitted.

R. L. ABERNETHY,
J. W. KENNEDY,
HOSEA HALE. } Com.

The financial Secretary was allowed until Saturday to complete his report.

Resolutions were passed complimentary to the citizens of Rutherford College and Connelly Springs for hospitalities to the conference, also to the R. & D. R. R., for low-rate tickets during the conference, also to the State Press for printing the daily reports of our proceedings.

The hour for special order having arrrived the conference went into the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President.....R. H. Whitaker.
1st Vice President.....T. L. Troy.
2nd Vice President.....Dr. B F. Dixon.
3rd Vice President.....R. L. Abernethy.
Financial Secretary.....Levi Branson.

WRITTEN REPORTS.

Martin A. Holler, has had three regular appointments—has preached thirty-three sermons and held eight prayer meetings.

A. N. Wills sends $1. for minute fund—tries to do good work as a local preacher—hopes to be more and more useful each year.

James M. Watson, of Hyde county—On account of feeble health has preached but four sermons and baptized two persons; says his treasure is in heaven; is rejoycing in the hope of realizing the happy "by and by" in our Father's house—would be very glad to meet the brethren in the Local Preachers' Conference, but does not feel sufficient for the journey. Sends $2.00 for minute fund.

D. T. Meach has acted as an assistant to the regular pastor most of the time, serving his congregations in his absence and assisting in protracted meetings. There are but few openings for new work, the section being well supplied with regular pastors of the different denominations—has a large family and has suffered much affliction—prays God's blessing and a new baptism from on high.

D. B. Austin, of Currituck county, has preached forty sermons, hopes to increase in usefulness each year; sends $1. for minute fund.

Joseph Paul, of Robeson county, is aged and afflicted with lung trouble; has one regular appointment—organized one Sunday-school, and held a number of prayer meetings.

William Cole, of Alleghany county, has had two regular appointments, has preached 22 sermons and organized one Sunday-school.

Mark G. Davenport, of Pitt county, has had three regular appointments, has preached twenty four sermons; organized one Sunday-school and held one prayer meeting. Sends 50cts for minute fund.

Solomon Lea "in his 82 year," says:—I have three regular appointments, some times preached twice on the Sabbath, made a number of addresses to Sunday-schools and Bright Jewels, made a number of

addresses on temperance, advocating prohibition as the only and true remedy for the liquor traffic. Preached a number of funeral sermons: been teaching school nearly sixty years and preached forty. My desire and purpose is to continue both as long as I am able. Hope you all may have a happy and glorious time at your next Tabernacle meeting; send 50cts for the minute fund.

M. H. Curtis says:—*Dear Brethren*, of the Local Preachers' Annual Conference: I have just been trying to preach three years. First year I preached ninety-three sermons, had forty-three conversions; thirty-two joined the church; have held twenty-five prayer meetings, but being sick a great deal of the time and from other causes, I just preached the second year twelve times and had two conversons. The third year, being a farmer I preached 28 times, worked some in Sunday schools and am visiting and praying with the people on the Macon Circuit, trying to advance the cause of Christ in this part of his moral vineyard; cannot attend conference, but my prayers are with you.

Rev. L. Branson—*Dear Brother*:—During this year I have had two regular monthly appointments, have had good congregations and good and respectful attention and souls have been benefitted. There has been no special outpouring of the spirit at my regular appointments, but near, or in the settlement of one of my appointments—there has been a great revival of religion—hundreds professed faith in Christ. I labored in this meeting and had the satisfaction of seeing nearly all those to whom I had been preaching happily converted. I am this week assisting my pastor Rev. S. V. Hoyle, on the Robeson Circuit and am taking part in a union meeting at Lumberton, N. C., at which sinners are being born to God; sixteen made profession this morning. I am trying to "preach the word," reprove, exhort, etc., and believe I am the instrument in God's hand in saving souls. Please pray for me. Wesley Thompson.

L. Turner, of Granville county, has been engaged in the colportage work, organized one Sunday school; hopes to do much work in the fall.

T. W. Mansfield, of Chatham county, has had one regular appointment, has preached forty sermons and held ten prayer meetings, and sends $1.00 for the minute fund.

N. H. D. Wilson, Student at Vanderbilt University, has preached thirty sermons, has held fifteen prayer meetings; acted as superintendent Sunday school all the winter; during summer acted assistant editor Raleigh *Christian Advocate*.

A. K. Murchison, of Davie county, has had two regular appointments, has preached twenty four sermons and held one prayer meeting

Dr. J. H. Jenkins, of Haywood county, has had one regular appointment, preached thirty five sermons, held forty prayer meetings and is superintendent of a Sunday school of fifty scholars.

N. McN. Smith, of Laurinburg, has had three regular appoiatments, and preached fifty sermons. Sends $1.00 to minute fund.

N. S. Nelson, of Alexander county, has had one regular appointment, has preached twenty-five sermons and held 3 prayer meetings.

Gray Culbreth, of Cumberland county, has had one regular appointment, has preached twenty six sermons and held nine prayer meetings, sends $1.00 for the minute fund.

M. L. Kaylor, of McDowell county, has had four regular appoint-

ments, preached fifty four sermons; held six prayer meetings; baptized sixteen children and eight adults, and received nine into the church; has organized two Sunday schools; sends 50cts to the minute fund.

Dr. J. A. Reagan, of Weaversville College, has had three regular appointments, has preached forty sermons; baptized four persons and received three into the church.

Wm. B Hancock, of Carteret county, reports himself still in the work and anxious to do all the good he can, prays the Lord's blessing on the Local Preachers.

To the Local Ministers' Conference—Dear Brethren: The time has arrived for again holding the Local Ministers' Conference in connection with the great Tabernacle meeting. To be present with you would be a source of much enjoyment, both religious and social, but this cannot be, the distance I am from you; the want of means for traveling and feeble health, render it impracticable for me to be present; and I may never enjoy this privilege again personally, as I am far advanced in life; and to use a scriptual phrase, "well stricken in age." Though I have lost much in youthful vivacity, and strength of manhood, yet I have lost nothing of my zeal and love for the cause of religion, temperance and education. I have preached about sixty sermons delivered about fifteen or twenty lectures on various subjects; but situated as I am I can make no regular appointments. I trust your meeting will be crowned with success, and result in the conversion of many. B. YORK.

W. K. Houk, of Morganton, has had five appointments, has preached fifty-two sermons; organized two Sunday schools and held twenty-five prayer meetings; pays 50cts to minute fund.

F. R. Kaylor, of Morganton, has preached twenty-two sermons, baptized five persons, took three into the church; married five couples; buried nine; visited a great many sick families, read and prayed with them; pays 50cts to the minute fund.

John F. Butt, of Dunn, has had three regular appointments, preached one hundred and fifty sermons; organized one Sunday school; held sixty five prayer meetings; witnessed 160 conversions.

Calvin Plyler, of Salisbury, has preached one hundred and sixty-nine sermons, held forty prayer meetings and is engaged much of his time in evangelistic work.

L. W. Pigott, of Norfolk, Va., reports good work done on the Huntersville mission, in establishing a large Sunday school and building a new church, which is now a regular mission station with congregation and pastor.

A. G. Kirkman, of Greensboro, has had two regular appointments, has preached seventy sermons, and also preached eighteen funerals; sends $2. for minute fund; is engaged much of his time in revival work.

W. P. Williams, of Davidson College, has preached one hundred sermons, held ten prayer meetings and baptized eleven persons, sends $1. for the minute fund. Hopes to do more work another year.

J. A. Kennedy, of Lincoln county, has preached a few sermons organized one Sunday school and held thirty or forty prayer meetings, sends 50cts for minute fund.

Owen Spell, of Sampson county, has three regular appointments, has baptized twelve persons and received thirteen into the church; sends 50cts for minute fund.

D. A. Lanier, of Caldwell county, has had two regular appointments, preached fifty-two sermons, organized one Sunday school; held twelve prayer meetings; baptized six persons.

Dear Brother:—I have no regular appointment, have done but little ministerial work during the past year. I did hope to be with you at the Conference, but circumstances will not permit. May the Lord abundantly bless you all. I send 50cts for minute fund. J. H. WHITE.

Dear Brother:—It would afford me great pleasure to be with the brethern at the Tabernacle meeting, but circumstances forbid it. Since last August I have preached between thirty and forty sermons in Virginia and North Carolina, administered sacraments of the Lord's Supper and baptism. Enclosed I send 50cts for the minute fund. May the rich grace of God abide in and with you all in your labors of love.
J. H. JEFFERSON.

Joseph M. Hawkins, of Buncombe county, has had three regular appointments, has preached thirty-six sermons, sends 50cts for minute fund.

Jackson Townsend, of Robeson county, has had four regular appointments, has preached thirty-eight sermons.

The Financial Secretary read his annual report which was adopted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

LEVI BRANSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY,
To N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE,

		DR.
To cash received of	Solomon Lea,	$ 50
" "	D. B. Austin,	1.00
" "	Mark G. Davenport,	50
" "	J. M. Hawkins,	50
" "	T. W. Mansfield,	1.00
" "	N. McN. Smith,	1.00
" "	Gray Culbreth,	1.00
" "	M. L Kaylor,	50
" "	J. A. Kennedy,	50
" "	J. H. White,	50
" "	Owen Spell,	50
" "	J. H. Jefferson,	50
" "	W. P. Williams,	1.00
" "	F. R. Kaylor,	50
" "	W. K. Houk,	50
" "	R. H. Whitaker,	2.00
" "	A. G. Kirkman,	2.00
" "	Levi Branson,	5.00
" "	Public Collections	16.50
" "	Balance	30.07
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On motion the conference adjourned until called together by the President for final adjournment on Saturday afternoon. President Whitaker pronounced the benediction. R. H. Whitaker was announced to preach at night to the children.

SATURDAY, 5 P. M.

President Whitaker called the Conference to order. The Secretary read the minutes of last session which were approved.

The committee on Memoirs read the following sketch which was ordered to be printed in the minutes:

REV. W. W. KENNEDY.

REV. W. W. KENNEDY was born in Richmond, Va., November 25, 1817, and died in Elizabeth City, N. C., June 9, 1889.

At six years of age the father of the subject of this notice died, and he was brought up under the care of a tender mother and maternal grandfather. His youth and young manhood were in constant contact with pious friends and relatives. His uncle Hugh and Rev. Andrew McDowell, men of great purity of life and of precious memory, failed not to seek the spiritual welfare of their fatherless nephew, and which, no doubt, resulted in his conversion. He was converted, joined the Church and was licensed to preach, and about the year 1839 was received in the Virginia Conference. He continued in the traveling connection about seven years, filling many positions on circuits and stations with ability, acceptableness and success. Brother Kennedy was twice married. His first wife was Miss Mary J. Pool, to whom he was married November 9, 1847, and who died February 1856. His second wife was Mrs. Martha D. Dance, to whom he was married December 22, 1870, and who died June 17, 1876. The year after his first marriage he located. Though in a local sphere he did not cease his labors as a Methodist preacher. He preached in town and surrounding country as occasion offered, and manifested a deep interest in the welfare of the Church in all her departments of labor and enterprise. During this period of his life his means were ample, and his liberality towards the Church marked. He was called to occupy many positions of trust and responsibility in the county and town. These were positions in which a man's integrity and uprightness are tested. He performed the duties of these positions with fidelity and industry and often at a sacrifice of his interest. During the war he moved to Norfolk, Va., and when Dr. Blackwell was driven from his charge at Granby Street by Federal authority the Methodists urged Brother Kennedy to take charge of the church, which he served with great acceptableness till the close of the war. After this he returned to his old home, where he continued to exercise his ministry, and to labor for the church till within about a year of his death. During that year his health began to decline. But his seat was seldom vacant in the house of God. I shall never forget the prayer he offered at our last watch-night meeting. It was near the mid-night hour. Such tender, sincere confession of unfaithfulness, such pathetic pleading, such penitential trust in God

I have seldom seen or heard. In the midst of it I inquired, Will some of us pass away before another watch-night on earth? So it was with him. As the weeks passed away it became apparent that his condition was more and more precarious. The disease of the heart gave indications of approaching dissolution. During the first instance of great prostration I visited him, and enquired, "Is it well with you?" "Oh, yes!" said he; "my trust is in God through Christ." From that time forth his religious experience seemed to be characterized by a peaceful trust in Christ. On one occasion he said to me: "When I was ordained by Bishop Morris, in his address to the class he commented upon and enforced the language, 'As much as in me is.' It impressed me deeply, and I resolved to take it as my motto through life." "True," said he. I have made may many mistakes, but I have sought in my life to be controlled by that sentiment." For weeks he lingered, liable at any moment to pass away, willing to live or to die. On one occasion he seemed to be looking into the future when he exclaimed, "Oh, the glory beyond! the glory beyond!" He calmly gave directions as to his funeral and suddenly and calmly, without a struggle, he passed away. The funeral took place from his residence. The services were performed by the writer, assisted by Rev. J. G. Lennon, in the presence of a large audience. May God comfort the surviving friends, and may they be fully consecrated to the God who sustained the father and relative in a dying hour. E. P. WILSON.

The President addressed the conference on matters of general polity, much to the interest of all members present. Itinerant ministers being called on very valuable remarks were made by F. L. Reid, James Willson and R. L. Abernethy.

The Conference then adjourned until Tuesday night before the last Sunday in July, 1890.

R. H. WHITAKER, Pres.

L. BRANSON, SEC.

NOTES OF THE CONFERENCE.

Judge A. S. Merrimon delivered an eloquent address, at 11, A. M., Thursday, to the Young Men's Christian Association, and a collection was then taken for the benefit thereof amounting to thirty-six dollars.

Levi Branson held an Experience Meeting at 9 a. m., Friday morning. J. F. Austin preached at 11 a. m.; T. H. Edwards at 3 p. m., and J. F. Austin at night.

Saturday—W. K. Houk preached at 9 o'clock, a. m.; R. H. Whitaker delivered a temperance address at 11; C. C. Brothers preached at 3 p. m., and F. R. Kaylor at night.

Sunday—Levi Branson preached at 9 a. m., R. H. Whitaker at 11, under the arbor, James Willson at 3 p. m. and W. F. Coffin at night.

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	NAME.	POST OFFICE.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

Ball, J. H., - Franklinton
Branson, Levi, elder, Raleigh
Burt, J. H., deacon Holly Springs
Byrd, W. elder Averasboro
Crowder, W. J. W. licen Raleigh
Culbreth, G. licen Averasboro
Dixon, Dr B. F. elder, Oxford
Floyd, J. B. deacon, Wilton
Hester, W. H. licen., Wakefield
Hester, W. S. elder, Oxford
Hester, B. B. elder, Oxford
Kennedy, J. W. - Princeton
Meacham, D. P. elder, Raleigh
Moore, J. T. licen, Wake Forest
Nordon, N. B. deacon, Princeton
Schively, D. L. exhorter, Raleigh
Smith, T. L. D. deac, Louisburg
Turner, L. T. licentiate, Wilton
Whitaker, R. H. deacon, Raleigh
Westbrook, W. C. E Oxford

DURHAM DISTRICT.

Baily, Robert W. licen, Dayton
Brown, S. Y. - Hester's Store
Cuninggim, W. H. el., Chapel Hill
Cole, W. S. - Galveston
Davis, W. B. - Gibbons
Durham, W. T. licen., Durham
Exum,—— licentiate, Durham
Forbes, W. A. licen., Roxboro
Long, J. B. elder, - Grove
Lea, Solomon, elder, Leasburg
Massey, P. H. lic., Durham
Massey, L. S. - - Durham
Perry, A. H. licen., Kimbolton
Stewart, J. licen., Chalk Level
Thompson, W. H. elder, Oaks
Walker, Alexander, dea, Durham
Webb, W. R. elder, - Roxboro

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

Anderson, J. H. E. - Oregon
Alspaugh, John elder, Mt. Tabor
Barrentine, D. licen, Greensboro
Blosser, J. W. elder, Greensboro
Craft, A. M. elder, - - Vienna
Brown, W. A. elder, Greensboro
Clemons, S. S licen, Walkertown
Doub, Newton licen, - Vienna
Doub, J. B. licentiate, Vienna
Field, Daniel elder, Leaksville
Franklin, S. D. elder, Winston
Joyner, P. H. elder, Greensboro
Jones, J. Frank lic., Greensboro
Jefferson, J. H. elder, Winston
Jones, Dr. T. M. eld., Greensboro
Kirkman, A. G. dea., Friendship
Kisler, S. F, licen., Greensboro
Long, S. elder, - - Salem
Martin, J. licen., Walkertown
Mellaway, G. F. Greensboro
Miller, Joseph deacon, Salem
Mock, J. C. licentiate, Vienna
Petree, J. E. deacon, Mt. Tabor
Rice, J. M. - - Ashland
Stafford, R. *M.* licen.. Oak Ridge
Trawick, S. R. eld. Walnut Cove
Ware, W. G. - Reidsville
Waymick, W. A. dea., Reidsville
Wilson, N. H. D. li., Greensboro
White, J. H elder, Winston

MT. AIRY DISTRICT.

Butt, J. F. elder, Yadkinville
Bain, T. H. - Germanton
Green, B. G. licentiate, Jonesville
Holcombe, Dr. D. F. d., Rockford
Jonhson, W. licen., Francisco
Long, A. M. licentiate, Culler
Long, M. H. licen., Yadkinville
Matthews, J. M. lic., Yadkinville
Needham, W. T. - Bliss
Needham, Jesse licentiate, Bliss
Needham, James licentiate, Bliss
Nicholson, Dr. J. P. el Eagle Mills
Needham, W. T. licentiate, Bliss
Richardson, N. R. L. Walnut Cove
Smith, E. E. deacon, Settle
Simpson, T. H. licen, East Bend

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Abernethy, M. A. lic., Catawba
Abernethy, R. L. eld., Rut'd Col
Abernethy, R. S. dea., " "
Austin, G. H. licen., Gibbs' Store
Brown, David elder, Mooresville
Brown, J. C. licentiate, Marion
Bush, J. A. licentiate, Lenoir
Dorsey, T. A. elder, Morganton
Goode, D. P. eld., Con'ly Spri'gs
Harman, F. A. li., " "
Healan, J. S. licentiate, Lenoir
Holcombe, Dr. D. F. dea., Rock'fd

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	NAME.	POST OFFICE.

Houk, W. K. licen., Morganton
Holloway, J. G. W. licen. Lenoir
Holloway, W. W. li., Ruth'd Col
Holler, M. A. licen., Hudsonville
Jurney, Dr. P. C. elder, Olin
Hale, Hosea dea., Ruther'd Col
Kaylor, F. R. elder, Morganton
Kaylor, M. L. el er, Marion
Kaylor, N. H. licen, Hartland
Killian, W. L. C. dea,, Newton
Lanier, D. A. licen., Cedar Valley
Morrow, D. F. dea., Rutherf'dton
Montgomery, J. S. licen., Lenoir
Nelson, W. S. licen., Taylorsville
Norman, Isaac licen., Westfield
Norton, W. S. - - Elk Shoal
Payne, J. N. licen., Morganton
Rogers, T. J. licen., Ruth'd Col
Rush, John licentiate Wilkesboro
Sherrill, J. A. li., Mount'n Creek
Somers, J. N. elder, Morganton
Starrette, F. S. deacon, Bilesville
Steele, M. T. licen., Dysartville
Stimson, D. C. elder, Lenoir
Tuttle, M. H licentiate, Hartland
Wells, A N elder, Mt Holly
York, Dr B eld, York Col Inst

SHELBY DISTRICT.

Burnett, C licen, Rutherfordton
Bell, W T R licentiate, Shelby
Dixon, E L licentiate, Bellwood
Erwin, Ira licentiate, Waco
Falls, L A licentiate, Fallston
Freeman, F M, - Sunshine
Haynes, N H licentiate, Shelby
Helton, Robert lic, Jacob's Fork
Hoke, Franklin J lic, Lincolnton
Hoyle, J T lic, - Camp Creek
Kennedy, J A lic, Iron Station
Redford, R licentiate, Polkville
Lee, J A licentiate, Holly Bush
Moon, P D lic, Duncan's Creek
Morris Josiah licentiate, ———
Noblett, E C, Atler Creek
Rollins, V G licen, Double Shoals
Smith, L L licentiate, Shelby
Tate, Daniel licentiate, Ferry
Womack, W W, Poplar Grove
Warlick, D E lic, Jacob's Fork
Washburn, R lic, Green's Grove

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.

Abernethy, J W eld, Matthews
Cherry, W S C, - Matthews
Belk, J A elder, - Monroe
Edwards, A E licen, Charlotte
Ellington, F S dea. Mint Hill
Fincher, B F licentiate. Stout
Hale, Hosea deacon, Matthews
Kendall. T W elder, Long Pine
New, J C licentiate, Pee Dee
Overcash, Elias licen, Charlotte
Page, G A licentiate, Charlotte
Price, J M licen. Price's Mills
Stowe, J H licen, Clear Creek
Starrette, F S deacon, Charlotte
Tarlton, J B deacon, Unionville
York, D V licentiate, Brevard

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Adkins, A. F. elder, Albemarle
Coburn, A. L. lic., China Grove
Franklin, S. D. elder, Zeb
Litaker, D. M. licen., Concord
Murchison, A. eld.. Farmington
Potts, Daniel licen.. Shady Grove
Plyler, C. elder. - Salisbury
Simpson. Jacob licen., Concord
Shaver, I. M. eld., Gold Hill
Sell, Eli C. licentiate " "
Walker, Vincent, eld., Calahan
Williams, W. P. eld., Dav'n Col

TRINITY DISTRICT.

Brooks, W. G. - Randleman
Bruton, Alex - - Pekin
Coffin, B. F. Columbia Factory
Anderson, J. H. lic., Oregon Hill
Brown, M. L. licen., Archdale
Burton, J. W. lic., Thomasville
Craven, E. A. lic., Kemps Mills
Crowell, Pres. J. F. eld.. Trin Col
Cecil, S A. lic.. High Point
Gretter, R. M. licen., Red Cross
Gregson, Amos elder, Randleman
Hicks, M. D. Lassiters Mills
Marsh, Bonner E. dea. Mt. Gilead
Mansfield, T. W. licen., Siler City
Knontz, C. A. - Lexington
Mann, I. N. eld. - Siler City
Mendenhall, A. L, Randleman
Pegram, Prof. W. H. eld. Trin Col
Phillips, J. W. Harper's X Roads
Phillips, Lewis, Fair Promise

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Surratt, Robt., Jackson Hill
Setliff, J. J. deacon, - Rusk
Troy, L. L. elder, - Liberty
Thompson, J. P. Lassister's Mills

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

Cain, James, licentiate, Athens
Caviness, A. licen. Buffalo Ford
Covington, J. A. eld. Rockingham
Culbreth, Love, elder, Blockers
Etheridge, L. S. licen. Laurinb'g
Henly, T. M. licen. Cedar Hill
Hutchinson, John, lic. Polkton
Ledbetter, R. S. eld. Rockingh'm
McLean, D. N. eld. Laurinburg
McNeil, David, eld. Broadway
Mercer, Miles, licen. Lumberton
Paul, Joseph, licen. "
Phillips, L. elder, Fair Haven
Phillips, J. lic., Harper's X R'ds
Pool, John S. licentiate, Troy
Sanders, Hardy, elder, Big Oak
Smith, N. McN. eld., Laurinburg
Smith, J. C. licen., Rockingham
Stuart, James licen., New Hill
Townsend, J. licen.. Lumberton
Webb, Leonard elder, - Dudo

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Andrews, G. B. licen., Shallotte
Johnson, J. A. licen., Elizabeth
Craig, J. W. licen., Wilmington
Fergerson, W. R. dea., Southport
Hall, Thomas B. licen., Dismal
Jenkins, W. A. licen., Wilmingt'n
Johnson, Owen licentiate, Dismal
Johnson, Joshua licen., Ammon
Long, J. Q. licentiate, Lebanon
Marlow, J. M. licen., Old Dock
Milliken, Irwin - Ashe
Rouse, J. A. - - - Wallace
Porter, J. J. - - - Wallace
Spell, Owen licentiate, Dismal
Sutton, Josiah licentiate, ———
Tart, J. H. licentiate, Fair Bluff
Williams, Benjamin lic., Supply

NEWBERNE DISTRICT.

Best, Major T. - - Goldsboro
Brogden, J. T. licen., Goldsboro
Becton, F. S. elder, Harlowe
Dixon, Joseph - Fowle
Edwards, J. A. dea., Hookerton
Gay, W. J. deacon, - Wilson
Gurganus, J. W. elder, Goldsboro
Howell, Curtis - - Goldsboro
Hancock, W. B. licen., Smyrna
Hoover, E. D. elder, - Straits
Kennedy, J. W. licen., Princeton
Neal, Prof. G. W. eld., Newbern
Ormond, A. L. - Omondsville
Perkins, Dr. E. L. eld., Newport
Porter, D. W. licen., Swift Creek
Powell, Henry dea., Vanceboro
Reid, Daniel deacon, Vanceboro
Starling, G. W. - Goldsboro
Rumley, Julian licen., Beaufort
Webb, J. B. elder, - Kinston
Wine, W. R. deacon, Vanceboro

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

Bobbitt, E. A. elder, Cedar Rock
Eure, F. F. - - Kenly
Gay, W. J., D. - Wilson
Heptinstall, J. W. eld., Littleton
Kilpatrick, J. A elder, Littleton
Long, Dr. B. F. elder, Nashville
Maleth, J. F. elder, Rocky Mt
Rose, G. A. elder, - Manson
Stainback, T. N. - Weldon
Sturdivant, J. E. - Enterprise

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, D. D. licen., Lee's Mills
Brown, Samuel licentiate, Bethel
Cherry, J. L. licen., Williamston
Cook, C. M. elder, - Tarboro
Davenport, M. G. licen., Bethel
Eborn, W. K. licen., Hamilton
Farrow, H. elder, Makeleyville
Fulcher, G. L. licen., Hatteras
Harrell, W. H. licen., Palmyra
Hoover, J. T. licentiate. Toisnot
Hoover, E. D. elder, Granville
Howard, C. - Hatteras
Glenn, E. C. licentiate, Greenville
Hearne, B. H. deacon, Greenville
Humber, O. P. elder, Greenville
Langston, G. D. licen., Aurora
Lowe, W. licentiate, Columbia
Moore, R. elder, Greenville
Page, K. R. licentiate, Rodanthe
Payne, N. O. licen., Rodanthe

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Pegram, J. Y. li., Mackey's F'ry
Pugh, Kenneth - Kennekeet
Simpson, A. W. - The Cape
Scarboro, E. H. licen., Hatteras
Vines, P. licentiate, Washington
Watson, J. M. eld., Lake Land'g
Whidbee, J. H. licen., Hatteras

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

Allison, J. licentiate, Old Fort
Ashley, W. F. licen., Dresden
Blackburn, G. licen., Elk X R'ds
Blackburn, H. B. dea., "
Brown, S. W. licentiate, Sparta
Cole, W. licentiate, - Topia
Cole, T. M. licen., Weaverville
Cordell, L. T. licentiate, Webster
Cordell, J. V. li., Hominy Creek
Dula, T. M. licen., Weaverville
English, A. F. li., Davids'n Riv'r
Felts, T. B. licen., Bakersville
Gibbs, W. licentiate, - Celo
Gibson, J. licentiate, Town creek
Gellespie, J. F. licen., Leicester
Greer, C. M. licen., Horse Shoe
Hawkins, J. M. licen., Asheville
Hunter, A. B. licen , Weaverville
Horton, D. A. licen., Micaville
Huston, T. licentiate, Bald creek
Lamb, J. R. licen, Warm Springs
Miller, W. G. licen., Asheville
McCampbell, J. M. li., Burnsville
Neice, J. E. licentiate, Helton
Pease, L. M. elder, Asheville
Penly, G. W. elder, Hominy cr'k
Penland, R. licentiate, Leicester
Reagan, Dr. J A eld, Weaverville
Reaves, J A licen, Cross Rock
Romans, J M licentiate, Sparta
Roberts, T W lic, Laurel branch
Summers, T P licen, Asheville
Sutherland, J licen, Weaverville
Tilman, J L lic, Hendersonville
Vandiver, J W el, Weaverville
Ward, W licentiate, Asheville
Weaver, A licen, Apple Grove
Whittington, N G eld, Asheville

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

Austin, D licentiate, Jarvisburg
Dutcher, G S elder, "
Flythe, Jesse elder, Creekville
Grant, W elder, - - Jackson
Jordan, A S licentiate, Hertford
Jordan, Costin elder, Sunbury
Lee, J W elder, - - Edenton
Neill, John licentiate, - Union
Payne, S licentiate, Stumpy Point
Whidbee, W licentiate, Windfall
Whitson, Col J licentiate. Manteo
Whitehead, W licen, Belvidere

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

Brooks, J S elder, Hayesville
Carpenter, C M lic, Waynesville
Carter, Isaac licen, Haynesville
Cole, W T - Sugar Grove
Combs, Newton - Mast
Cooper, J licentiate, Robbinsville
Cordell, Z V d, Jonathans Creek
Curtis, M H licentiate, - Otto
Fuget, C B dea, Cashier's Valley
Gentry, Budd - Jefferson
Hampton, E H deacon, Whittier
Jenkins, Dr J H elder, Whittier
Ketron, R G elder, Hayesville
Marr, E C licentiate, Nantahala
McGee, W lic, Jonathan's Creek
McLean, P P elder, Whittier
Osborne, Geo W - Most
Patton, Dr J W licen, Murphy
Phillips, B R dea, Pigeon River
Renno, H licentiate, "
Rogers, W L licen, Fines Creek
Smathers, Dr H A d, Pig'n River
Terrell, J W licentiate, Sonoma
Troy, J C licentiate, Charleston
Wild, B G licentiate, Webster
Weaver, Travis - Helton
Wilson, W C - - Southerland

MINISTERS ATTENDING THE LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, 1889.

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Abernethy, R. L.,	Rutherford College
Abernethy, R. S.,	N. C. Conference
Allen, L.,	Rutherford College
Austin, J. F.,	Holston Conference
Austin, G. H.,	Gibb's Store
Austin, W. L.,	" "
Belk, J. P.,	Rutherford College
Branson, Levi,	Raleigh
Brothers, C. C.,	N. C. Conference
Carpenter, B. F.,	Rutherford College.
Coffin, W. F.,	N. C. Conference
Crain, L. M.,	Rutherford College
Dixon, B. F.,	Oxford
Edwards, T. H.,	N. C. Conference
Erwin, Ira,	" "
Goode. D. P.,	Connelly Springs
Hale, Hosea,	Rutherford College
Holler, Martin A.,	Granite Falls
Holloway, W. G.,	Rutherford College
Holloway, J. G. W.,	" "
Houk, W. K.,	Morganton
Kaylor, F. R.,	L. M. Conference
Kennedy, J. W.,	Rutherford College
Lumley, J. M.,	N. C. Conference
McCall, J. C.,	Rutherford College
Nolen, L. M.,	Society of Friends
Payne, J. N.,	Morganton
Reid, F. L.,	Raleigh Christian Advocate
Rudisill, J. A.,	Lutheran
Stuart, D. F., (Disciple,)	Connelly Springs
Troy, T. L.,	Greenville, S. C.
Whitaker, R. H.,	Editor Spirit of the Age
Willson, James,	N. C. Conference

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I--NAME.

SEC. 1. This body shall be known as the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference, and shall be governed by this constitution and such by-laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ARTICLE II--MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The membership of this Conference shall consist of such Local ministers and laymen as may be recognized by the Conference, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the gospel to destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastor in building up the church at large.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents and a financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot or otherwise.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an annual address or sermon and force a strict obedience to the constitution and by-laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same as directed by the finance committee.

SEC. 4. The officers of this Conference shall constitute a finance committee, the President being chairman, which committee shall direct the application of the funds of this conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which beyond the expenses of publishing and distributing the minutes shall be applied annually to the relief of such members and famlies of the members, as the Financial Committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ART. V This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening by the President.
2. Revising and correcting roll.
3. Address of the President.
4. Appointment of committees.
5. Reading written reports.
6. Verbal reports of delegates.
7. Selecting delegates.
8. Discuss plans for increased usefulness.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Select place for next meeting.
11. Election of officers.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Benediction.

MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Abernethy, R. S.	Table Rock	Coltrane, N. E.	Pittsboro
Abernethy, J. T.	Mt. Olive	Cordon, J. H.	Raleigh
Adams, S. D., P. E.	Carthage	Craven, J. F.	Pleasant Garden
Albea, W. W.	Winston	Crawford, L. W.	Greensboro
Allred, B. C.	Millbrook	Creasy, W. S.	Wilmington
Anderson, C. M.	Morganton	Crisp, J. C.	Ashton
Anderson, H. B.	Wilmington	Clegg, James W.	Mountain Isl'nd
Arnold, J. D.	Reidsville	Crowson, W. J.	Maxton
Ashby, J. M.	Southport	Culbreth, B. B.	Warrenton
Atkins, H. L.	Moount Airy	Culbreth, Daniel	Raleigh
Avent, I. W.	Chalk Level	Cuninggim, J. A., P. E.	Weldon
Bagby, W. M.	Trinity College	Cuninggim, W. L.	Oxford
Bagwell, J. T.	Matthews	Daily, T. J.	Taylorsville
Bailey, J. B.	Lincolnton	Davis, E. H.	High Point
Bailey, R. W.	Dayton	Davis, S. M.	Shelby
Barrett, R. G.	Hickory	Davis, Wm. S.	Cary
Barker, J. J.	Godwin	Dawson, W. L.	Dobson
Beaman, R. C.	Wilmington	Dixon, Joseph (supply)	Fowle
Becton, F. S. (sup.)	Harlowe C'k	Doub, W. B.	Laurinburg
Betts, A. D.	Stanhope	Douglass, Samuel P.	Morganton
Bishop, F. A.	Henderson	Downum, J. M.	Jonesville
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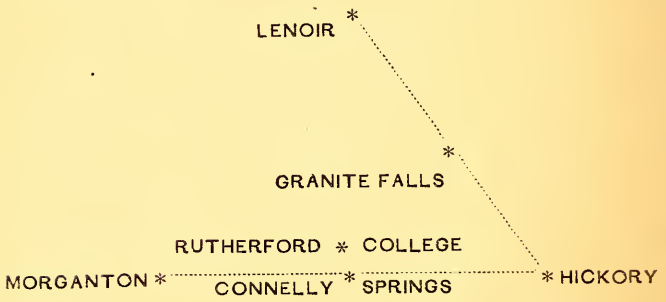

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AND

Local Preachers' Conference

FOR THE YEAR 1890.

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TUESDAY, July 22—Encampment Day,—Grand Lighting up of campus at night—Great Tabernacle Reunion with Hallelujah Songs, led by Arthur L. Butt, Painter and Proprietor of the Three Grand Panoramas, exhibited on the grounds.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

5. A. M.—Sunrise Prayer at arbor	3. P. M.—Address—Special Sub.
8. A. M.—Preaching.	5. P. M.—Jubilee Songs with Instruments.
9. A. M.—Conference Session.	8. P. M.—Butt's Pan'r'ma, No. 1.
11. A. M.—Preaching.	

THURSDAY, JULY 24.

5. A. M.—Sunrise Prayer, open air.	3. P. M.—Address—Special Sub.
8. A. M.—Preaching.	5. P. M.—Songs and Devotional Exercises.
9. A. M.—Conference Session.	8. P. M.—Butt's Pan'r'ma, No. 2.
11. A. M.—Preaching.	

FRIDAY, JULY 25.

5. A. M.—Sunrise Meeting.	3. P. M.—Stirring Addresses.
8. A. M.—Preaching.	5. P. M.—Hallelujah Choir Practice.
9. A. M.—Conference Session	8. P. M.—Butts Panorama No. 3.
11. A. M.—Preaching.	

SATURDAY, JULY 26.

5 A. M.—Sunrise, prayer at arbor	3. P. M.—Addresses.
8. A. M.—Preaching.	5. P. M.—Songs—200 voices.
9. A. M.—Conference Session.	8. P. M.—Testimony Meeting & Praise Service.
11. A. M.—Preaching.	

SUNDAY, JULY 27.

5. A. M.—Sunrise Service.	3. P. M.—Special Service.
9. A. M.—Love Feast.	8. P. M.—Preaching, Song and Work Service.
11. A. M.—Preaching at arbor.	

MONDAY, JULY 28.

General Farewell, open air Service, at 9 to 11 A. M.

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OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Local Ministers' Conference,

(M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,)

FOR THE STATE OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, N. C., JULY 22d to 26th, 1890.

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FIRST DAY.

JULY 22d, 1890.

This was appointed for Encampment day. Many preliminary arrangements were made. Bro. Butt came on the grounds with his panoramas, and also organized an evangelistic choir.

At night W. P. Ware, of Reidsville, preached from "Run, speak to this young man." Bro. Butt led the choir in many lively songs and reunion exercises.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

JULY 23d, 1890.

Sunrise prayer-meeting was held by J. W. Kennedy. At 8 o'clock, A. M. Levi Branson preached.

At 9 A. M. the Conference assembled for routine work. T. L. Troy in the chair, opened the Conference with divine services, and proceeded to read the President's address, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Another year has passed—another year's work is closed—and whether we have been faithful or unfaithful, the record is made. Since we met a year ago to sing and pray and rejoice together, and to give to each other the warm grasp of brotherly affection at parting, we have been the recipients of countless blessings at the hands of our Heavenly Father, and we are, therefore, under many fold multiplied obligations to the Author of all good gifts, as we meet again to-day.

As your President, it is not expected that I should make any suggestions, as we are not a legislative body. We do not meet to legislate, but to confer with each other, to the end that we may become better and more useful. That was the object for which our Conference was organized. It has never entertained any other design.

We are Methodists, and we are loyal to all the interests of our church. We are not responsible for the position we occupy in the church. The local ministry is as old as Methodism, and without it there would be no Methodism.

In the language of Rev. M. L. Wood, D. D., "Local preachers were raised up by the great Head of the Church to do a great work," and as Bishop Doggett said, "to do a special work."

We are here, then, by God's appointment, to do a "great work"—a "special work," and we belong to God's army, and God requires that we stand like men in our places ready to obey his every command

As we value our souls we dare not disobey his commands. We dare not be inactive. We dare not bury our talent. God will require of us a strict account of that which he has committed to us, and it will take all of life for us to do the work he has assigned us.

Not only will God require that we use the talent committed to us, but we must improve it. We must be better laborers each day that we live. It was for this purpose this Conference was organized. And it is for this purpose we meet now. We come together to exchange experiences, to tell of labors wrought, of trials borne, of crosses taken up, and, above all, to bear testimony to the freshness and fullness of gospel grace, to the end that we may be better and more successful laborers in the future than we have been in the past.

I am sure that this is the spirit in which we come together, and in which our labors while here will be performed. I make no boast in saying that the local preachers of the Methodist Church have closed a good year's work; nor is it a boast when I say that they are doing as good work in their sphere as the itinerants are in theirs, taking all the disadvantages under which they labor into account. But, brethren, while we may have done well—may even have done as well, comparatively, as our brethren of the itinerant ranks, the question which we must consider and to which an answer must be given to our consciences is, can we not do better next year?

I know, dear brethren, that our fields are not as inviting as we would like to have them; that our labors must be performed often under adverse circumstances, and that it is even sometimes the case that the way of duty is beset with innumerable difficulties and discouragements; but, brethren, when we remember what our blessed Saviour had to endure for us—how he was beset with enemies, who sought not only to hinder him in his work, but even to take his precious life, which they did at last on Calvary's bloody summit, we can but fall down upon our knees and say, in all sincerity and honesty, "Thy blessed will, oh Lord, be done!"

I know, dear brethren, that it is a difficult matter for local ministers to keep themselves unspotted from the world, for, added to the fact that we are tempted as other men are, we are compelled, in order to earn our living, to come into contact with all classes of men, and in our dealings with them, if we contend for our rights, they are apt to say we are selfish, covetous, miserly, and cast our names out as evil, unjustly thereby crippling our influence.

But, brethren, it is possible for us to make even these sinners our friends. It cannot be done by returning railing for railing, but it can be done by living the holy religion which we profess, which means, that if reviled, we revile not; if treated unfairly or unkindly, we are to possess our souls in patience and meekness, and exhibit in our conduct and conversation a Christly spirit.

We must not allow ourselves to fall into the error that, because we are laymen and have to trade with the world for our living, we are excusable in adopting the methods of the world to make money. That would be a fatal mistake on our part, and I take the liberty at this point of warning my dear brethren to be careful in their dealings with the world. Our lives must be transparent. Our dealings with men must be frank, fair and honest, and we should, as far as possible, keep out of political wrangles.

We are stationary—tied for life, it may be, to a single community, and if we preach at all it must be done in that community.

How important, then, that we keep the confidence of the people among whom we live. There is no sadder thing connected with the local ministry than to see a man who has gifts, and who might have been of great use to the church, completely silenced because the people, having lost confidence in him, will not hear him preach. I have heard some of our local brethren complaining because openings were not made for them to preach, and I have often wondered if they were not, in some way, to blame for it.

A true christian always stands at par value in a community, and a minister of God (local or itinerant) who lives his religion will never fail to have hearers when it is known that he is to preach. He may not be eloquent, but the people will honor him for his sincerity. I mention these things, dear brethren, because we hold these Conferences for the express purpose of making ourselves more useful, and it therefore becomes us to amend our lives, if, upon a close scrutiny of them, we find that we have been at fault in these or any other particulars.

Our fathers did their work like men, and the praise awarded to them is our heritage. God grant that when we have passed off the stage of action the church may be able to say of us, "Well done, good and faithful servants!" and that the local preachers of the next generation may have cause to be as proud of us as we are of the record which our fathers made. I am sorry that so few, comparatively, of the local preachers can attend the Conference, because I know they would all enjoy being here; but it rejoices us all to hear the many written reports that come in from year to year, and to learn therefrom that, though deprived, by untoward circumstances, of the privilege of meeting with us in person, they are with us in spirit and are keeping pace with us in the effort to increase their usefulness as ministers of the cross of Christ. To all of them we send a greeting of love, accompanied with the prayer that, if we never meet in this life we may meet in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

And now, dear brethren, what came we out for? Let us remember that we are to do all to the glory of God; and, while it is proper that we may enjoy this occasion socially, we must not lose sight of the fact that we meet as the children of a King, to do the will of that King.

While together, therefore, let us endeavor so to deport ourselves as that we may be made better and the community in which we meet may be abundantly blessed, and the kingdom of God more firmly established in all our hearts.

It becomes my painful duty to announce the death of one of North Carolina's most gifted sons and most successful educators, Dr. T. M. Jones, President of Greensboro Female College, who departed this life only a few weeks ago at his home in Greensboro.

Dr. Jones was an honor to the local ranks, and took great interest in the success of this Conference, in its endeavor to make the local preachers of the State more efficient laborers. He was a strong preacher, and his preaching was full of the Holy Ghost. He served his day and generation faithfully, and has gone to his reward.

While we mourn the death of one so gifted, so useful, so faithful as a female educator, and deplore the loss which a valued institution sustained in his death, I do not deem it at all inappropriate to say in this connection that this Conference feels honored in the fact that one of its Vice-Presidents, Dr. B. F. Dixon, has been chosen to fill his place. It is, indeed, a source of pleasure to feel that we have in our ranks men who are not only willing but competent to do the work to which they may be called in the providence of God.

Dr. Crowell, President of Trinity College, and Dr. Abernethy, President of Rutherford College, belong to the local ministry, and all over the State we have men who are at the head of high schools and seminaries who are fully meeting the demands of the age in which they live.

Brethren, let it be our sincere desire and earnest purpose to make ourselves efficient workmen in the Master's vineyard. For this purpose we meet—for this let us earnestly pray.

R. H. WHITAKER.

The roll was revised and entries made of new members.

Prof. L. Berge Abernethy was elected to membership in the Conference as a layman under the new permit of the constitution. Also A. L. Butt, of Charlotte, and Logan B. Abernethy were elected to membership.

The Chair appointed as Committee on Divine Services Dr. R. H. Whitaker, Zebedee Rush, and L. Berge Abernethy; Committee on Temperance, W. P. Ware, R. L. Abernethy and J. W. Kennedy.

Bro. J. W. Kennedy was appointed bell-ringer and time-keeper.

Wm. Ogles was elected lay member.

The Conference adjourned with benediction by the President.

Rev. W. P. Martin was announced to preach at 11 A. M.

Afternoon Session—3 to 5 P. M.

The Conference assembled and occupied the time in choir service, interspersed with addresses by Levi Branson and R. H. Whitaker.

At night Bro. A. L. Butt exhibited his panorama of Revelation to a large audience in the church.

THIRD DAY—Thursday 9 A. M.

The Conference met on time, R. H. Whitaker in the chair. Divine services were held by T. L. Troy, and the President then conducted prayer and experience exercises for ten minutes, after which the President proceeded with the regular order of business. Various corrections were made as to the roll, and Prof. A. T. Abernethy was elected to membership as a layman.

The Chair appointed Levi Branson, A. L. Butt, W. P. Ware and P. P. McLean Committee on Education.

T. L. Troy, Dr. R. L. Abernethy, Levi Branson and H. A. Smathers Committee on Memoirs.

A long list of written reports were read by the Secretary, showing a good year's work for the local ministry.

T. L. Troy was announced to preach at 11 A. M.

The President pronounced the benediction.

R. H. Whitaker preached at 11 A. M.

At 3 P. M. and until 5 P. M. song service, interspersed with addresses by Prof. W. E. Abernethy, T. L. Troy, Zebedee Rush, W. P. Moore. Bro Butt exhibited his panorma at night.

FOURTH DAY—Friday, 9 A. M.

The Conference opened on time, R. H. Whitaker in the chair.

Song and prayer-service was held for thirty minutes. W. P. Ware read and prayed, and T. L. Troy also offered prayer. The service was quite spiritual.

The President then took up the regular order of business. Corrections to the roll of members, new names added, also corrections to the minutes.

Communications were read from W. P. Williams, B. York and others.

Verbal reports were had from Dr. R. L. Abernethy (see written report). Dr. H. A. Smathers reported a variety of work in addition to written report.

T. L. Troy made verbal report of a large amount of work done as Colporteur of the American Bible Society (see written report).

W. P. Ware reported verbally various work done.

On motion of Levi Branson, election of officers was entered into, which resulted as follows:

Dr. R. H. Whitaker	President
Dr. H. A. Smathers	1st Vice-President.
Dr. J. A. Reagan	2d Vice-President.
Dr. B. F. Dixon	3d Vice-President.
Dr. Levi Branson	Secretary and Treasurer.

R. H. Whitaker made verbal report—had preached seventy sermons, made twenty temperance speeches, organized several temperance societies, addressed several Sunday-schools, baptized three persons, served as a supply during the latter part of last year on the Clayton Circuit; is serving at present Chapel Hill Station.

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the President.

P. P. McLean preached at 11 A. M., and Dr. H. A. Smathers preached at 3:30 P. M., after a half-hour of splendid song service by the choir. Dr. Whitaker followed the sermon by miscellaneous remarks for the good of the Conference, and also in the interest of his paper, *The Spirit of the Age*, and temperance work.

Bro. A. L. Butt exhibited his temperance panorama at night in the church to a large and appreciative audience.

FIFTH DAY—Saturday, 9 A. M.

Dr. H A. Smathers called the Conference to order, and half an hour of song and prayer-service was had, led by T. L. Troy.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Verbal reports being called for, P. P. McLean reported, in addition to his written report: has done much miscellaneous work in the way of funerals, marriages, temperance and other work, making his work wide and laborious.

On call of order for "increased usefulness," Levi Branson submitted remarks encouraging to greater usefulness.

P. P. McLean made an enthusiastic speech on the work of local ministers.

W. P. Ware, Dr. R. L. Abernethy and Dr. H. A. Smathers submitted valuable suggestions as to how the work may be done.

Dr. R. L. Abernethy read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that while the church and the different temperance organizations in our country are actively and earnestly engaged in promulgating and diffusing the principles of temperance, in the high sense of the prohibition of intoxicating elements among the masses of our people, yet we are sorry and grieved to believe that the government of our country, and even the church *itself*, to a certain degree, are under the domination of the liquor power in the United States of America.

This "infamy of infamies" is not so prominently confined to the eastern portion of our country as to the west, which is largely filled up with a foreign element drawn from the different nations of the world. This foreign element has brought into our government all those noxious and devilish principles which have been spawned in the turbid waters of crowded cities and densely populated countries beyond the mighty waters; and these principles, formulated into systems of nihilism, atheism, anarchism, and infidelity, have budded and bloomed forth into the vast reservoirs of alcoholic liquors, controlled and manipulated by the liquor syndicates of North America. These powers, *to-day*, control the legal enactments in Washington City, as well as the State governments of most of our territory beyond the Great Father of Western Waters.

The moral status, too, of our old political parties is such at this time as to emphasize this sad state of things. The prohibition element is so much divided between these old political parties, that neither dares let go its party principles to unite with the Christian element in the churches of Jesus Christ without jeopardizing its entire existence; hence, like the lion and the bear, they hold on in deathly conflict, unmindful of the coveted lamb until the shaggy jackal of the liquor devil slips away with the prey.

Your Committee would, therefore, most earnestly urge upon every Local Minister of the M. E Church, South, to attend all the elections, and, in the character of a fellow-citizen, use his influence, as well as his elective franchise, to put good men in all offices of trust and honor. Let him put his veto upon every nominee who is an intemperate man, or who favors the liquor power.

In face of the sad state of things that now pervade our entire country, our only hope of salvation from this moral incubus seems to lie in the cultivation of moral sentiment in the rising generation until it shall have acquired such a tension as to move the law-making powers of our country to suppress the liquor curse by legal enactments. To this end we would urge all our members to make the interest of the Sabbath-school a prominent portion of all our public labors.

All of which is submitted.

R. L. ABERNETHY,
J. W. KENNEDY,
W. P. WARE,
Committee.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Prof. A. T. Abernethy then read the report on Sunday-schools:

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to submit the following report: Under the various denominational feuds and follies, when sometimes it is most difficult to arrange a union of sentiment for Christ by church relations, we find that the Sunday-school is an indispensible instrument in the hands of God through his ministering servants, to effect a union of souls on the various topics of the christian life. Using as we do, literature composed by and for the different denominations as a *Bible* study and an important and unprejudiced research into the Sacred Word, we do not *limit* ourselves as we do in our several *isms* of church life. We furthermore find the Sunday-school an important element in our cities by which the wayward and unconcerned, and the children who are too poor to attend church services of another nature, are "drawn in to the overtures of mercy" and are finally saved.

We beg to urge upon this Conference the astounding fact that more Christian leaders of church and state owe their first religious inclinations to the Sunday-school than to any other Christian organization. As a tree bends, so will it grow. Let us then, one and all, look into the grand work, and join hands and hearts to bring about a most happy result from the Sunday-school.

Your committee urge upon the members of this Conference to attend when suitable their respective Sunday-schools, and assist the superintendents and teachers in the great work begun years ago by Robert Raikes and Hannah Moore.

Respectfully reported,

THADDEUS L. TROY,
LOGAN B ABERNETHY,
ARTHUR T. ABERNETHY,
Committee.

Unanimously adopted.

Conference adjourned until 2 P. M.

Zebedee Rush preached at 11 A. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

The Conference met on time, Dr. H. A. Smathers in the chair. Services were held by W. P. Ware.

Committee on Memoirs made a partial report, and were allowed further time to complete the report, and add to it if necessary.

The Committee on Education was ordered to complete and file its report.

Levi Branson offered resolutions complimentary to citizens, presiding officers, railroads, Chair and daily papers.

Minutes ordered to be printed in the usual church papers.

The financial report will be completed and printed in the proper place in the Minutes.

R. H. WHITAKER,
President.

LEVI BRANSON,
Financial Secretary.

WRITTEN REPORTS.

[From W. H. Moore, P. E.]

Rev. Levi Branson, D. D.: July 2, 1890.

Dear Brother—I do not know that I can be at the meeting of the Local Ministers' Conference at any time during its sessions. If I find it practicable to attend I will do so some time during the week you are together. Thanks for the Minutes sent.

July 23, 1890.

Dear Brother—I have not been very well for some days, and the labor of our District Conference last week makes it needful for me to rest while your Conference is being held. I hope you may have a pleasant and profitable time. Bro. L. B. Abernethy will furnish you a correct list of Local Preachers on this district.

[From Judge A. C. Avera.]

Rev. Levi Branson: Morganton, August 6th, 1890.

My Dear Sir—During the latter part of June last and until the 6th of July I was in Buncombe and Haywood counties, where I had gone with Mrs. Avera. This morning I found and opened for the first time a letter from you inviting me to fix the day and deliver an address during the meeting at the Tabernacle at Rutherford College. Had I received your invitation I would certainly have answered your letter and have complied with your request if possible. I thank you for the compliment implied in such a kind invitation, and hope you will notify your brethren, who may know of it, how the accident occurred. My children threw the letter on a revolving book-case in my office, and it was buried in other papers and pamphlets before my return.

July 25, 1890.

To the President and Members of the Local Ministers' Conference, Rutherford College, N. C.:

Dear Brethren—I was pleased to see in to-day's *Charlotte Chronicle* that you are in session and getting on finely. I regret exceedingly my inability to be with you. I have almost as plain a picture of you all in my mind's eye as you have of Bro. Butt's panorama, which will, I trust accomplish much good there, and my sincere prayer is that the Conference may prove a blessing to you all. I have during the year preached about sixty sermons, held several prayer-meetings, delivered several Sunday-school addresses, baptized eight adults and one infant. I enclose $1 for Minute fund. Affectionately,

Davidson College, N. C. W. P. Williams.

[From J. A. Reagan, Physician and Surgeon.]

Weaverville, N. C., July 24, 1890.

Rev. R. H. Whitaker, D. D.:

Dear Brother—I had all my arrangements made to be with you this year, and from year to year, as I have turned over my practice, measurably, to my son. I intended to start to-day for the Tabernacle, but have just received a letter from one of my sons-in-law, who informs me that my oldest daughter is very sick and requires my attention, so I am knocked into a *pi*, as you call it. Bro. Weaver, our P. E., is with a sick wife in Jackson, but Bro. Austin told me he would be with you. He was to meet me there; tell him why I am not with you. God bless you in your noble work, and may you have a gracious revival. My dear brother, fight more zealously for prohibition! Intemperance is ruining our nation. May God save us, man can't do it. God bless you all.

[From Major S. M. Finger.]

Dr. Branson: Raleigh, July 8, 1890.

My Dear Sir—Since talking with you yesterday, I have concluded that it is my duty to take a few weeks of absolute rest, and so must ask you to excuse me as to the address at Rutherford College.

The duties of my office have made such drains upon my strength that I must take some precaution or I feel that my health will be impaired. The three weeks at Morehead instead of being recreation was a time of most exacting work.

[From W. P. Fife, Evangelist.]

Levi Branson: Fayetteville, N. C., June 2, 1890.

Dear Brother—Invitation received. Will not be in State at time you mention. Accept thanks for remembrance. Pray for us here this week. God bless you and yours.

Asheville, N. C., July 3, 1890.

Dear Brother—I shall be engaged about the time of your meeting, and do not see, now, how I can attend. Receive my thanks for your kind remembrance. Truly,

Robert B. Vance.

Durham, July 16, 1890.

Dear Bro. Branson—I have the pleasure of presenting my report: Dr. Yates claims my services on the first Sunday to assist him in the communion services. In the afternoon I hold prayer-meeting. Second Sunday I preach at McManan; third Sunday, at Silvia School-house in the morning, and in the afternoon at the poor-house; fourth Sunday, at Duke's Chapel in the morning, and Fletcher's Chapel in the afternoon; fifth Sunday, at Mt. Bethel. The good Lord has blessed my own soul, and there have been some thirty-odd conversions. Some twenty-odd joined the church. I have baptized about twenty adults, and four or five children. I have also assisted in a number of protracted meetings, and others were converted I hold a weekly prayer-meeting in the suburbs of Durham, assisted by my wife, and I think much good has been done. A number have professed conversion and others reclaimed and some interest manifested. Bro. Tatum, a Baptist brother, has rendered good service in these prayer-meetings. I have made Sunday-school talks at my appointments. I have filled some appointments for Bro. Rider, when he could not be present, and preached two or three times for Dr. Yates when he has been away. I make it a rule to give all my spare time to the service of the Lord. I enclose you $1. Yours truly,

Alex. Walker.

[From Brently York, D. D.]

To the Members of the Local Ministers' Conference, N. C.:

Dear Brethren—When I heard of this Tabernacle meeting in connection with the Local Ministers' Conference, it was my intention to attend, but the force of circumstances has prevented it, consequently I am denied the pleasure of your company, and the enjoyment of all the meeting generally. Neither my limited means nor state of health will justify my making such a journey. My earnest prayer to God is that the meeting may be crowned with the best of consequences, and that the name of God may be glorified in the conversion of many souls. In consequence of the failure of health, I have done comparatively little. I don't know exactly how many sermons I have preached, but think I have preached between thirty and forty, and delivered some ten lectures on different subjects. I also had the pleasure of seeing the work of the Lord prosper at various places under the ministry of my youngest son, Victor, and was able, by the blessing of God, to give him some aid. Brethren, I have need of your prayers; do not forget me at a throne of grace.

York Institute, July 18, 1890.

[From T. L. Troy, Elder, Liberty.]

Number families visited, 5,813; number families found without a Bible, 1,190; number destitute families supplied with a Bible, 401; number volumes sold, 2,215; number volumes donated, 396. Says: I have had some very refreshing meetings, and received the names of about forty persons as applicants for church membership.

Charlotte, N. C., June 30, 1890.

My Dear Bro. Branson—Your letter was received on Saturday. I regret that it will be out of my power to be at the Tabernacle meeting this year. My large membership, now 763, of which 167 are additions of this year, keeps me very close on my charge. There are certain peculiar circumstances in Charlotte to make the success of our church depend much upon our being open *every Sunday* if possible. I cannot leave and close my church without measurably damaging our aggressive work.

I feel sad at being cut off from my eastern friends and brethren. Come over and see us as often as you can. Write me sometimes. Am always glad to hear from you. Affectionately, Solomon Pool.

[From J. M. Watson, Elder.]

Lake Landing, Hyde County, N. C. July 4, 1890.

Dear Bro. Branson—Yours came duly to hand. I am sorry that my views on Local Preachers' Conferences have been so much misrepresented. I think the brother must be mistaken in the man. If I ever had a conversation with the brother about Local Preachers' Conferences I don't remember it, and I do not remember having any private conversation of any sort after I visited the Conference. Your statement about what the brother should say, is quite the reverse of what my views have been. I have all along thought the Conference would help to make the Local Preachers more useful. During my wife's lifetime I felt that I ought to stay with her as much as I could; she was eight years my senior and much afflicted. Since her death I would have attended every Conference, but for the long and difficult travel and my physical infirmity. I have had a bronchial trouble for several years, and take cold very easy. I took cold on the cars coming from Conference, and had a cough about two months. I can't stand exposure. It would have been my pleasure to attend every Conference since I did attend. I have the past year preached five sermons, organized one Sabbath-school and baptized one person.

Isaac Norman, L. P., Westfield, Surry County, is now seventy-four years old, and nearly worn-out; regrets that he cannot attend the Conference on account of an afflicted family; is still on the old ship and expects soon to anchor; has one regular appointment and has preached eight or nine sermons.

F. F. Eure, L. P., Kenly, N. C., has had two regular appointments, and preached forty sermons; has organized one Sunday-school and held thirty-five prayer-meetings; sends 20 cents to Minute fund; first year in the ministry.

W. P. Ware, L. P., Reidsville, has had four regular appointments; has preached sixty-three sermons; held eight prayer-meetings; contributes 50 cents to Minute fund.

[From S. D. Franklin.]

Zeb, N. C., June 25, 1890.

Dear Bro. Branson—For the last four years I have been taking regular work in the conference. I fully intended to attend the session of the Conference this year, but it comes the same time that our District Conference meets, and I see now it will be impossible for me to attend.

This year I have charge of the Salisbury Circuit; have served this circuit three years out of four. The Lord has greatly blessed me, and has given me

many seals to my ministry. I am now just recovering from a long and severe spell of typhoid fever. I have not been able to preach for about ten weeks, but I secured the services of another local preacher, so my people did not lose a single service.

I regret very much that I cannot be with you, but though I may be absent in person, my heart and prayers are with you, and I earnestly pray that the good Lord will make this occasion one of great profit to the entire Conference.

Remember me kindly to the brethren. Please find 50 cents for Minutes.

[From McC. Davenport L. P., Bethel.]

Dear Brethren—I would be very glad to attend the Conference, but it will be impossible for me to do so, owing to my present situation. Although I can't be with you, my heart is there and also my prayers and best wishes that this may be the best and most enjoyed of any Conference ever held heretofore. I am working and praying for the temperance work, and I believe that prohibition is the only sure plan to ever reach temperance. I am working for the cause of Christ with all my might, and I can say, brethren, that we must work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. I will close, expecting by the help of God to be with you another year. Please read at Conference.

Had one regular appointment; has preached forty sermons; held thirteen prayer meetings and conducted several funerals. Sends 50 cents to Minute fund.

Leasburg, N. C., June 24, 1890.

Dear Bro. Branson—I received a copy of the Local Ministers' Conference held at Rutherford College, and I read it with much interest. It would give me much pleasure to attend the next Conference, but it is out of my power, first, because my health would not justify it; I am in very feeble health, now near eighty-three years old; and second, it would be too expensive. I hope you will have a good time and may accomplish much good. I regret to say that I can't send anything for the publication of the Minutes. I never had a harder time in all my life than the last two years. A failure in my farm and the free-schools have well nigh broke my school up, still I keep up the operation. Last session I had classes in algebra and higher arithmetic, history, Latin, Greek and French, and all the common branches of study. A good deal of my teaching is gratis. In reference to my religious work I remark that I have had regularly from three to four appointments, and expect to keep up during the year. Nearly every month I give addresses to Sunday-schools and Bright Jewels, also hold prayer-meetings nearly once a month. I am declining in health, and I am trying to be ready when the summons shall come. God bless your Conference at the Tabernacle. Your affectionate brother in Christ.

L. Lea.

[From A. M. Long, L. E.]

Culler P. O., Stokes County, July 3, 1890.

To the Local Preachers' Conference, at Rutherford College, N. C.:

Dear Brethren—I cannot attend the Conference commencing July 22d, 1890. I have been able to walk only a little on crutches for the last two months. I have a severe attack of acute rheumatism. My spiritual sky is clear, thank God. His sustaining and saving grace is great, even to me, though I am so unworthy. I will try to pray that the Holy Ghost may fall on everyone attending the Tabernacle meeting, and many be added to the number already saved by grace. I have had three regular appointments; preached fifty sermons; organized one Sunday-school, held one prayer-meeting; baptized six and received six into the church.

[From F. A. Vines, L. P.]

Clifton, S. C., July 7, 1890.

Dear Bro. Branson—I am working for the Lord constantly; I have no regular appointments; I preach in churches, school-houses, groves, court-houses, tents, private houses, and anywhere that I can get a few people together. Last year I preached one hundred and sixteen sermons, delivered forty-odd lectures, besides a number of prayer-meeting and Sunday-schooltalks. This year I have preached to date thirty-eight times, delivered eleven lectures, besides Sunday-school and prayer-meeting talks. I will not be able to attend Conference. May God bless the meeting and the work of the brethren. Pray for me.

J. A. Edwards, L. D., Hookerton, has had two appointments; has preached about twenty-five sermons; has held about forty prayer-meetings, and baptized twelve persons; sends 80 cents to Minute fund.

Martin W. Holler, L. D., Granite Falls, has had three regular appointments; preached thirty-three sermons; organized one Sunday-school; held fifteen prayer-meetings, and baptized four persons.

N. McN. Smith, L. E., Laurinburg has had three regular appointments; has preached forty sermons; has baptized five persons and received four persons into the church; sends $1 to Minute fund.

W. K. Houk, L. P., Morganton, has had five regular appointments; has preached sixty sermons; organized two Sunday-schools, and held six prayer-meetings.

J. W. Kennedy, L. P., Rutherford College, is a theological student; has held twenty-five prayer-meetings; contributes 25 cents to Minute fund.

J. S. Brooks, Elder, Hayesville, has had four regular appointments; has preached sixty-two sermons; has baptized six persons and received ten into the church.

P. P. McLean, Elder, Whittier, has had 4 regular appointments; preached sixty sermons; held twenty prayer-meetings; baptized six persons and received six into the church; contributes $1 to the Minute fund.

Dr. H. A. Smathers, Elder, Pigeon River, has preached sixty-eight sermons, besides doing a large amount of miscellaneous work for the church.

R. E. Pugh, L. D., Rodanthe, Dare County, has preached fifty-two sermons; is in full accord with the Local Preachers' Conference.

Levi Branson, L. E., preached about fifty sermons; makes it a rule to preach every Sabbath, unless prevented, and as much oftener as the way is opened; attends the stated meetings of the church, and assists the traveling preachers as far as possible; has been twenty-one years Secretary of the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference, and gives much of his time for promoting the work of the Conference. He is compiling Vol. 3 of North Carolina Sermons, which he hopes to circulate largely, and thereby accomplish much good, as many of the sermons will go on preaching long after the preachers themselves are dead.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

LEVI BRANSON, *Financial Secretary,*
In account with the Local Ministers' Conference :

JULY 14, 1890. DR.

To cash received of	W. P. Williams	$ 1 00
" "	Alex. Walker	1 00
" "	R. H. Whitaker	2 00
" "	T. L. Troy	1 00
" "	J. M. Watson	2 00
" "	F. F. Eure	20
" "	S. D. Franklin	50
" "	McG. Davenport	50
" "	W. P. Ware	50
" "	J. A. Edwards	80
" "	N. McN. Smith	1 00
" "	J. W. Kennedy	25
" "	P. P. McLean	1 00
" "	Dr. B. F. Dixon	5 00
" "	Public Collections	3 50
" "	Levi Branson	25 00
	Balance	26 67
		$72 07

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By 600 Minutes for 1889		$30 00
" 400 Circulars		3 50
" Postage on Minutes and Circulars		6 00
" Envelopes		1 00
" Postage on Newspaper reports		1 50
" Deficit of 1889		30 07
		$72 07

COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

FOR DEACONS' ORDERS.

The Bible, History and Biography.
The Discipline.
Binnse' Theological Compend.
Wesleys' Sermons on Justification and on the witness of the Spirit.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE.

Preacher's Text-book.
Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary.
Watson's Institutes.
Ruter's Gregory's Church History.
Catechism on Church Government.

FOR ELDERS' ORDERS.

The Bible—doctrines.
The Discipline.
Manual of Discipline.
Watson's Institutes.
Wesley's Sermons.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE.

Paine's life of McKendree.
Prelatical Succession Examined.
Watson's Life of Wesley.
Watson's Sermons.
Clark's Commentary.
Summers on Gospels and Acts.
Wheedon's Commentary.

IN MEMORIAM.

GREENSBORO, N. C., July 2d, 1890.

To the Patrons and Friends of Greensboro Female College:

It has become our painful duty to announce the death of REV. T. M. JONES, A. M., D. D., who, for the past thirty-six years, has been the successful President of Greensboro Female College. He died at 1 o'clock P. M., June 30th. While we lament his death with unwonted sadness, it is a source of great comfort and consolation to review his long and brilliant educational career, which stands peerless in the annals of female education in North Carolina.

Deep in piety, profound in scholarship, yet modest as a child, he labored with a zeal which knew no weariness, and achieved a success in the higher education of women which exceeded the most sanguine expectations of all. His body may moulder away into sacred and pathetic dust, but his influence for good will never cease to be felt as long as educated christian womanhood continues to wield its accustomed power.

Very respectfully,

THE GREENSBORO FEMALE COLLEGE ASSOCIATION.

DIED JUNE 30, 1890.

The *Chronicle* sincerely grieves to record the death of REV. TURNER MYRICK JONES, A. M., D. D., at his residence in Greensboro yesterday. He had been for nearly forty years a prominent figure in the educational life of the State. He was born in Franklin county, June 4th, 1819. He graduated at Randolph-Macon College, and afterward taught in both Warren and Franklin counties. In 1852 he was licensed as a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1853 he was elected Professor of Mathematics and Ancient languages in Greensboro Female College. In 1854 he was elected President of that far-famed institution, and remained in his responsible position until the day of his death. He had served his church in many ways—as Trustee of Trinity College, and as delegate to the General Conference in every session save one since 1866. He was faithful in every trust.

Dr. Jones was an ideal president of a female college. He was pure in life, sweet in temper, and gentle in conduct. He was quiet, grave and sincere, Of no man could it be more truly said: "His life was gentle." He had a tender heart, and a warm attachment to the thousands of noble young women he had educated. They all loved him with a fatherly affection, and their love increased as they grew to be wives and mothers. His work cannot be estimated. It is not ended. It will live in the pure and sweet lives of the women and their daughters for generations yet to come. He has lived long and lived well. He had no fear of death, but with implicit trust and unfaltering faith laid aside his mantle of toil for his crown of glory.—*Daily Chronicle.*

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

Ball, J. H	Franklinton
Branson, Levi, elder	Raleigh
Burt, J. H., deacon	Enno
Byrd, W., elder	Key
Crowder, W. J. W., licen	Raleigh
Culbreth, G., licen	Godwin
Floyd, J. B., deacon	Wilton
Hester, W. H., licen	Wakefield
Hester, W. S., elder	Oxford
Hester, B. B., elder	Creedmore
Meacham, D. P., elder	Raleigh
Moore, J. T., licen	Wake Forest
Nordon, N. B., deacon	Princeton
Schively, D. L., exhorter	Raleigh
Smith, T. L. D., deacon	Louisburg
Turner, L. T., licen	Wilton
Whitaker, R. H., deacon	Raleigh
Westbrook, W. C. E	Oxford

DURHAM DISTRICT.

Baily, Robert W., licen	Dayton
Brown, S. Y	Hester's Store
Cuninggim, W. H., eld	Chapel Hill
Cole, W. S	Galveston
Durham, W. T., licen	Durham
Exum, ——, licen	Durham
Forbes, W. A., licen	Roxboro
Long, J. B., elder	Grove
Lea, Solomon, elder	Leasburg
Massey, P. H., licen	Durham
Massey, L. S. licen	Durham
Perry, A. H., licen	Kimbolton
Stewart, J., licen	Chalk Level
Thompson, W. H. elder	Oaks
Walker, Alexander, dea	Durham
Webb, W. R., elder	Roxboro

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

Anderson, J. H. E	Oregon
Alspaugh, John, elder	Mt. Tabor
Barrentine, D., licen	Greensboro
Blosser, J. W., elder	Greensboro
Craft, A. M., elder	Vienna
Brown, W. A., elder	Greensboro
Clemons, S. S., licen	Walkertown
Dixon, Dr. B. F	Greensboro
Doub, Newton, licen	Vienna
Doub, J. B., licen	Vienna
Field, Daniel, elder	Leaksville
Joyner, P. H., elder	Greensboro
Jones, J. Frank, licen	Greensboro
Jefferson, J. H., elder	Winston
Kirkham, A. G. deacon	Friendship
Kisler, S. F., licen	Greensboro
Long, S., elder	Salem
Martin, J., licen	Walkertown
Mellaway, G. F	Greensboro
Miller, Joseph, deacon	Salem
Mock, J. C., licen	Vienna
Petree, J. E., deacon	Mt. Tabor
Rice, J. M	Ashland
Stafford, R. M., licen	Oak Ridge
Trawick, S. R., elder	Walnut Cove
Ware, W. P	Reidsville
Waymick, J. M., deacon	Reidsville
Wilson, N. H. D., licen	Greensboro
White, J. H., elder	Winston

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Bain, T. H	Germanton
Green, B. G., licen	Jonesville
Holcombe, Dr. D. F., dea	Rockford
Johnson, W., licen	Francisco
Long, A. M., licen	Culler
Long, M. H., licen	Yadkinville
Matthews, J. M., licen	Yadkinville
Needham, Jesse, licen	Bliss
Needham, James, licen	Bliss
Nicholson, Dr. J. P., eld.,	Eagle Mills
Needham, W. T., licen	Bliss
Smith, E. E., deacon	Settle
Simpson, T. H., licen	East Bend

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Abernethy, M. A., licen	Catawba
Abernethy, R. L., eld.,	Rut'd College
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Brown, David, elder	Mooresville
Brown, J. C., licen	Marion
Bush, J. A., licen	Lenoir
Dorsey, T. A., elder	Morganton
Drum, Geo. P., licen	Maiden
Goode, D. P., elder	Connely Springs
Harman, F. A., licen,	" "
Healan, J. L., licen	Lenoir
Houk, W. K., licen	Morganton
Holler, M. A., licen	Hudsonville
Jurney, Dr. P. C., elder	Olin
Hale, Hosea, dea	Ruther'd College
Kaylor, F. R., elder	Morganton
Kaylor, M. L., elder	Marion
Kaylor, N. H., licen	Hartland
Killian, W. L. C., deacon	Newton

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.
Kennedy, J. W.	Ruther'd College
Morrow, D. F., dea.	Rutherfordton
Montgomery, J. S., licen.	Lenoir
Nelson, W. S., licen.	Taylorsville
Norman, Isaac, licen.	Westfield
Norton, W. S.	Elk Shoal
Plyler, M. T., licen.	Statesville
Plyler, A. W., licen.	"
Payne, J. N., licen.	Morganton
Rogers, T. J., licen.	Ruther'd Col
Rush, John, licen.	Wilkesboro
Sherrill, J. A., licen.	Mount'n Creek
Sherrill, Robert L., licen.	Lenoir
Somers, J. N., elder.	Morganton
Stimson, D. C., elder.	Lenoir
Tuttle, M. H., licen.	Hartland
Wells, A. N., elder.	Mt. Holly
York, Dr. B., elder.	York Col. Inst

SHELBY DISTRICT.

Burnett, C., licen.	Rutherfordton
Bell, W. T. R., licen.	Shelby
Cornelius, J. L.	Mooresville
Dixon, E. L., licen.	Bellwood
Erwin, Ira, licen.	Waco
Falls, L. A., licen.	Fallston
Freeman, F. M.	Sunshine
Haynes, N. H., licen.	Shelby
Helton, Robert, licen.	Jacob's Fork
Hoke, Franklin J., licen.	Lincolnton
Hoyle, J. T., licen.	Camp Creek
Kennedy, J. A., licen.	Iron Station
Redford, R., licen.	Polkville
Lee, J. A., licen.	Holly Bush
Moon, P. D., licen.	Duncan Creek
Morris, Josiah, licentiate,	———
Rollins, V. G., licen.	Double Shoals
Smith, L. L., licen.	Shelby
Tate, Daniel, licen.	Ferry
Womack, W. W.	Poplar Grove
Warlick, D. E., licen.	Jacob's Fork
Washburn, R., licen.	Green's Grove

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.

Abernethy, J. W., elder	Matthews
J. F. Butt, elder	Charlotte
Cherry, W. S. C.	Matthews
Belk, J. A., elder.	Monroe
Edwards, A. E., licen.	Charlotte
Ellington, F. S., deacon.	Mint Hill
Fincher, B. F., licen.	Stout
Kendall, T. W., elder.	Long Pine
New, J. C., licen.	Pee Dee
Overcash, Elias, licen.	Charlotte
Page, G. A., licen.	Charlotte
Price, J. M. licen.	Price's Mills
Stowe, J. H., licen.	Clear Creek
Starrette, F. S., deacon.	Charlotte
Tarlton, J. B., deacon.	Unionville
York, D. V., licen.	Brevard

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Adkins, A. F., elder.	Albemarle
Coburn, A. L., licen.	China Grove
Litaker, D. M., licen.	Concord
Murchison, A., elder.	Farmington
Potts, Daniel, licen.	Shady Grove
Plyler, C., elder	Salisbury
Simpson, Jacob, licen.	Concord
Shaver, I. M., elder.	Gold Hill
Sell, Eli C., licen.	Gold Hill
Walker, Vincent, elder.	Calahan
Williams, W. P., elder.	Dav'n Col

TRINITY DISTRICT.

Brooks, W. G.	Randleman
Bruton, Alex	Pekin
Coffin, B. F.	Columbia Factory
Anderson, J. H., licen.	Oregon Hill
Brown, M. L., licen.	Archdale
Burton, J. W., licen.	Thomasville
Craven, E. A., licen.	Kemp's Mills
Crowell, Pres. J. F., eld.,	Trinity Col
Cecil, C. A., licen.	High Point
Gretter, R. M., licen.	Red Cross
Gregson, Amos, elder.	Randleman
Hicks, M. D.	Lassiter Mills
Marsh, Bonner E., dea.	Mt. Gilead
Mansfield, T. W., licen.	Siler City
Koontz, C. A.	Lexington
Mann, I. N., eld.	Siler City
Mendenhall, A. L.	Randleman
Pegram, Prof. W. H., elder.	Trin. Col
Surratt, Robt.	Jackson Hill
Setliff, J. J., deacon.	Rusk
Troy, L. L., elder.	Liberty
Thompson, J. P.	Lassiter's Mills

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

Cain, James, licen.	Athens
Caviness, A., licen.	Buffalo Ford
Covington, J. A., elder.	Rockingham
Culbreth, Love, elder.	Blocker's
Etheridge, L. S., licen.	Laurinburg
Henry, T. M., licen.	Cedar Hill
Hutchinson, John, licen.	Polkton

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.
Ledbetter, R. S., elder	Rockingham
McLean, D. N., elder	Lauringburg
McNeil, David, elder	Broadway
Mercer, Mile, licen	Lumberton
Paul, Joseph, licen	"
Phillips, L., elder	Fair Haven
Phillips, J., licen	Harpers X Roads
Pool, John S., liced	Troy
Sanders, Hardy, elder	Big Oak
Smith, N. McN., elder	Laurinburg
Smith, J. C., licen	Rockingham
Stuart, James, licen	New Hill
Townsend, J., licen	Lumberton
Webb, Leonard, elder	Dudo

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Andrews, G. B. licen	Shallotte
Johnson, J. A., licen	Elizabeth
Craig, J. W., licen	Wilmington
Fergerson, W. R., deacon	Southport
Hall, Thomas B., licen	Dismal
Jenkins, W. A., licen	Wilmington
Johnson, Owen, licen	Dismal
Johnson, Joshna, licen	Ammon
Long, J. Q., licen	Lebanon
Marlow, J. M., licen	Old Dock
Milliken, Irwin	Ashe
Rouse, J. A	Wallace
Porter, J. J	Wallace
Spell, Owen, licen	Dismal
Sutton, Joshua, licentiate,	———
Tart, J. H., licen	Fair Bluff
Williams, Benjamin, licen	Supply

NEWBERNE DISTRICT.

Best, Major T	Goldsboro
Brogden, J. T., licen	Goldsboro
Becton, F. S., elder	Harlowe
Dixon, Joseph	Fowle
Edwards, J. A., deacon	Hookerton
Gay, W. J. deacon	Wilson
Gurganus, J. W., elder	Goldsboro
Howell, Curtis	Goldsboro
Hancock, W. B. licen	Smyrna
Hoover, E. D., elder	Stratis
Neal, Prof. G. W., eld	Newberne
Ormond, A. L	Omondsvlle
Perkins, Dr. E. L., elder	Newport
Porter, D. W., licen	Swift Creek
Powell, Henry, deacon	Vanceboro
Reid, Daniel, deacon,	Vanceboro
Starling, G. W	Goldsboro
Rumley, Julian, licen	Beaufort
Webb, J. B., elder	Kinston
Wine, W. R., deacon	Vanceboro

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

Bobbitt, E. A., elder	Cedar Rock
Eure, F. F	Kenly
Gay, W. J., deacon	Wilson
Heptinstall, J. W., elder	Littleton
Kilpatrick, J. A., elder	Littleton
Long, Dr. B. F., elder	Nashville
Maleth, J. F. elder	Rocky Mt
Rose, G. E., elder	Manson
Stainback, T. N	Weldon
Sturdivant, J. E	Enterprise

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, D. D., licen	Lee's Mills
Brown, Samuel, licen	Bethel
Cherry, J. L., licen	Wiiliamston
Cook, C. M., elder	Tarboro
Davenport, M. G., licen	Bethel
Eborn, W. K., licen	Hamilton
Farrow, H., elder	Makeleyville
Fulcher, G. L , licen	Hatteras
Harrell, W. H., licen	Palmyra
Hoover, J. T., licen	Toisnot
Hoover, E. D., elder	Granville
Howard, C	Hatteras
Glenn, E. C., licen	Greenville
Hearne, B. H., deacon	Greenville
Humber, O. P., elder	Greenville
Langston, G. D., licen	Aurora
Lowe, W., licen	Columbia
Moore, R. elder	Greenville
Payne, N. O., licen	Rodanthe
Pegram, J. Y., licen	Mackey's Ferry
Pugh, Kenneth R	Rodanthe
Simpson, A. W	The Cape
Scarboro, E. H., licen	Hatteras
Vines, F. A., licen	Washington
Watson, J. M , elder	Lake Landing
Whidbee, J. H., licen	Hatteras

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

Allison, J., licen	Old Fort
Ashley, W. F., licen	Dresden
Blackburn, G., licen	Elk X Roads
Blackburn, H. B., dea	" " "
Brown, S. W., licen	Sparta
Cole, W., licen	Topia
Cole, T. M., licen	Weaverville
Dula, T. M., licen	Weaverville
English, A. F., licen	Davidson River

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.
Felts, T. B., licen	Bakersville
Gibbs, W., licen	Celo
Gibson, J., licen	Town Creek
Gellespie, J. F., licen	Leicester
Greer, C. M., licen	Horse Shoe
Hawkins, J. M., licen	Asheville,
Hunter, A. B., licen	Weaverville
Horton, A. D., licen	Micaville
Huston, T., licen	Bald Creek
Lamb, J. R., licen	Warm Springs
Miller, W. G., licen	Asheville
McCampbell, J. M., licen	Burnsville
Neice, J. E., licen	Helton
Pease, L. M., elder	Asheville
Penly, G. W., elder	Hominy Creek
Penland, R., licen	Leicester
Reagan, Dr. J. A., eld	Weaverville
Reaves, J. A., licen	Cross Rock
Romans, J. M., licen	Sparta
Roberts, T W., licen	Laurel Branch
Summers, T. P., licen	Asheville
Sutherland, J., licen	Weaverville
Tilman, J. L., licen	Hendersonville
Vandiver, J. W. elder	Weaverville
Ward, W., licen	Asheville
Weaver, A., licen	Apple Grove
Whittington, N. G., eld	Asheville

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

Austin, D., licen	Jarvisburg
Dutcher, G., elder	"
Flythe, Jesse, elder	Creekville
Grant W., elder	Jackson
Jordan, A. S., licen	Hertford
Jordan, Costin, elder	Sunbury
Lee, J. W., elder	Edenton
Neill, John, licen	Union
Payne, S., licen	Stumpy Point
Whidbee, W., licen	Windfall
Whitson, Col. J., licen	Manteo
Whitehead, W., licen	Belvidere

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

Brooks, J. S., elder	Hayesville
Carpenter, C. M., licen	Waynesville
Carter, Isaac, licen	Haynesville
Cole, W. T	Sugar Grove
Combs, Newton	Mast
Cooper, J., licen	Robbinsville
Cordell, Z. V., deacon	Sanoma
Curtis, C. R., licen	Hayesville
Curtis, M. H., licen	Otto
Fugat, C. B., deacon	Cashier's Valley
Gentry, Budd	Jefferson
Hampton, E. H., deacon	Whittier
Ketron, R. G., elder,	Hayesville
McGee, W., licen	Jonathan's Creek
McLean, P. P., elder	Whittier
Osborne, Geo. W	Most
Patton, Dr. J. W., licen	Murphy
Phillips, B. R., deacon	Pigeon River
Richardson, Samuel E.	Hayesville
Renno, H., licen	Pigeon River
Rogers, W. L., licen	Fines Creek
Smathers, Dr. H. A., dea., Pig'n River	
Terrell, J. W., licen	Sonoma
Wild, B. G., licen	Webster
Weaver, Travis	Helton
Wilson, W. C	Southerland

ROLL OF MINISTERS PRESENT.

T. L. Troy, 1st Vice-President ..... N. C. L. M. Conference
R. L. Abernethy, 2nd Vice-Pres.... Pres. Rutherford College
W. P. Ware..... N. C. L. M. Conference
Zebedee Rush..... Western N. C. Conference
Hosea Hale..... N. C. L. M. Conference
J. W. Kennedy..... N. C. L. M. Conference
W. P. Martin..... Methodist Protestant Church
Levi Branson, Secretary ..... N. C. L. M. Conference
W. G. Holloway ..... Methodist Protestant Conference
R. H. Whitaker, President ..... N. C. L. M. Conference
C. M. Gentry..... Western N. C. Conference
Dr. H. A. Smathers ..... N. C. L. M. Conference
P. P. McLean..... N. C. L. M. Conference
T. H. Edwards ..... Western N. C. Conference
D. F. Stuart (Disciple) ..... Connelly Springs
D. P. Goode..... N. C. L. M. Conference

LAY MEMBERS.

Prof. L. Berge Abernethy..... Rutherford College
Arthur L. Britt..... Charlotte
Logan B. Abernethy ..... Rutherford College
Wm. Ogles..... Rutherford College
Prof. Arthur T. Abernethy..... Rutherford College

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the North Carolina Local Ministers' Conferenee, and shall be governed by this constitution and such by-laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The membership of this Conference shall consist of such Local Ministers and laymen as may be recognized by the Conference, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the gospel to the destitute regions, and to aid the regular pastor in building up of the church at large.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, or otherwise.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an annual address or sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the constitution and by-laws.

SEC. 3. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same as directed by the Finance Committee.

SEC. 4. The officers of this Conference shall constitute a Finance Committee, the President being chairman, which Committee shall direct the application of the funds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which, beyond the expenses of publishing and distributing the Minutes, shall be applied annually to the relief of such members and familes of members, as the Finance Committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening by the President.
2. Revising and correcting roll.
3. Address of the President.
4. Appointment of committees.
5. Reading written reports.
6. Verbal reports of delegates.
7. Selecting delegates.
8. Discuss plans for increased usefulness.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Select place for next meeting.
11. Election of officers.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Benediction.

MINISTERS OF N. C. CONFERENCE.—1890-'91.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.
Abernethy, J. T	Snow Hill
Adams, S. D., P. E	Carthage
Allred, B. C	Raleigh
Anderson, H. B	Scott's Hill
Ashby, J. M	Clinton
Avent, I. W	Chalk Level
Bailey, J. B	Lincolnton
Barker, J. J	Clayton
Beaman, R. C	Wilmington
Becton, F. S. (supply)	Harlowe Creek
Betts, A. D	Goldston
Bishop, F. A	Durham
Black, W. S	Oxford
Bobbitt, J. B	Raleigh
Bristowe, J. E	Hillsboro
Broom, R. H	Rockingham
Browning, T. J	Whiteville
Bruton, D. R	Wilson
Bumpass, R. F	Oxford
Burton, R. O	Weldon
Cain, C. W	Garysburg
Call, W. H	Washington
Chaffin, L. M	Manly
Chaffin, W. S	Jonesboro
Cole, J. N	Wilson
Cole, Henderson	Avon
Coltrane, N. E	Pittsboro
Cordon, J. H	Raleigh
Creasy, W. S	Wilmington
Crisp, J. C	Ashton
Crowson. W. J	Maxton
Culbreth, B. B	Warrenton
Cuninggim, J. A., P. E	Raleigh
Cuninggim, W. L	Henderson
Davis, E. H	Chapel Hill
Davis, Wm. S	Washington
Dixon, Joseph (supply)	Fowle
Doub, W. B	Laurinburg
DuRant, C. O	Raleigh
Earnhardt, D. L	Burlington
Edward, F. M	Murfreesboro
Etheridge, L. S	Candor
Everton, W. Y	Yeatesville
Fisher, G. W	Kittrell
Forbes, W. A	Kenansville
Futrell, W. F	Asbury
Galloway, W. F	Aurora
Gattis, T. J	Durham
Geddie, D. C	Cypress Creek
Gibbs, J. T., P. E	Jonesboro
Giles, J. H. M	Margarettesville
Gilliam, R. B	Trenton
Glenn, E. C	Toisnot
Grant, Wm. (supply)	Jackson
Green, J. A	Nashville
Greening, Philip	Stedman
Gurganies, J. W. (supply)	New Berne
Grissom, W. L	Enfield
Guthrie. J. O	Rocky Mount
Guyton, N. H	Jamesville
Hall, B. R	Goldsboro
Hall, J. H	Oxford
Harley, G. G	Williamston
Harrison, Z. T	Windsor
Herman, P. L	Cary
Hix, M. D	Goldsboro
Holden, L. J	Jackson
Holder, B. B	Columbia
Hooker, N. A	Kinston
Hoover, J. T. B. (supply)	Toisnot
Hornaday, J. A	Carthage
Hoyle, S. V	Jonesboro
Hurley, John B	Louisburg
Ivey, T. N	Roxboro
Jackson, H. McR	Cumberland
Jenkins, J. W	Ridgeway
Jerome, C. P	Southport
John, R. B	Greenville
Johnson, L. L	Bynum
Johnson, J. G	Cove
Jones, J. C	Swan Quarter
Jurney, N. M	Leesville
Keen, J. F	Swansboro
Langston, G. D	Hatteras
Lee, J. A	Weldon
Lovin, T. C	Newport
Lyon, J. T	Gibson Station
Marlow, J. M. (supply)	Old Dock
Martin, J. B	Chapel Hill
McCall, F. B	Lumberton
McFarland, M. M	Goldsboro
Moore, W. B	Marlville
Moore, W. H	Fayetteville
Moorman, R. J	Durham
Moses, T. C	Beaumont
Nash, L. L	Raleigh
Nelson, J. G	Fairfield
North, J. W	Leasburg
Oglesby, G. A., P. E	Greenville
Parker, A. J	Elizabethtown
Pegram, J. D	Dunn
Pell, E. L	Franklinton
Perry, G. B	Mt. Gilead
Payne, S. (supply)	Kitty Hawk
Pope, Erskine	Chalk Level
Puckett, W. H	Smithfield
Raven, A. R	La Grange
Reeks, T. B	Steedsville

MINISTERS OF N. C. CONFERENCE.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	NAME.	POST-OFFICE.
Reid, Daniel	Maitland	Taylor, R. F	Greenville
Reid, F. L	Raleigh	Thomas, M. C	Cary
Rhodes, J. M	Littleton	Thompson, John E	Jonesboro
Ricaud, T. P	New Berne	Thompson, J. B	Supply
Robinson, C. W	Plymouth	Thompson, L. E	Yanceyville
Rose, E. E. (supply)	Roxboro	Townsend, W. H	Siler City
Rone, W. S., P. E	Goldsboro	Townsend, R. W	Lumberton
Rouse, J. A	Lillington	Troy, R. P	Littleton
Rose, W. W	Fremont	Tuttle, D. H	Tarboro
Ryder, Oliver	East Durham	Tuttle, M. H	Mt. Olive
Sawyer, John R	Wilmington	Underwood, J. E	Mt. Tirzah
Sanford, Jonathan	Durham	Ursey, J. F	Finch
Seabolt, N. E	Eldorado	Vernon, Judson	Newton Grove
Sell, E. C	Fayetteville	Warlick, R. L	Harrell's Store
Shamburger, F. M	Kinston	Watson, N. M	Morehead
Sharpe, V. A	Stems	Wheeler, Jos. H	Charleston, S. C.
Sherrill, C. F	Middleton	Whitaker, R. H. (supply)	Raleigh
Simmons, Geo. T	Battleboro	White, I. A	Manteo
Shore, J. H	Milton	Willis, R. A	New Berne
Smith, C. W	Whiteville	Wilson, W. A	Matsuyama, Japan
Smith, G. F	Beaufort	Wood, M. L	Rockingham
Stamey, H. G	Rockingham	Wyche, G. E	Raleigh
Starling, G. W	Straits	Yates, E. A	Durham
Swindell, F. D., P. E	Wilmington		

MINISTERS OF W. N. C. CONFERENCE.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	NAME.	POST-OFFICE.
Albea, W. W‡	Winston	Boring, W. M	Fairview
Abernethy, R. S	Jefferson	Brooks, J. J	Lenoir
Anderson, C. M*	Morganton	Baily, H. P	Haysville
Arnold, J. D	Asheville	Bays, H. W	Concord
Atkins, H. L	Mt. Airy	Callahan, G. W	Randleman
Austin, J. F	Lincolnton	Carpenter, J. D	Randleman
Austin, G. H		Carpenter, J. B	King's Mountain
Bagby, W. M	Trinity College	Crocker, J. T	Pomona
Bagwell, J. T	Matthews	Curtis, W. M	Thomasville
Barrett, R. G	Monroe	Cherry, W. S. C	Denver
Blair, H. M	Concord	Cooper, W. H	Quallatown
Bonner, T. P	Hickory	Carraway, P. J	Winston
Boone, T. A	Wadesboro	Coburn, A. L	Salisbury
Byrd, C. W	Asheville	Craven, J. F	Pleasant Garden
Bird, J W*	Quallatown	Crawford, L	W. Trinity College
Bowles, J. A	Greensboro	Clegg, J. W	Mountain Island
Boyles, M. W	Lexington	Cowell, J. F	Trinity College
Brooks, J. R	Greensboro	Campbell, C. M	Asheville
Brothers, C. C	Granite Falls	Clark, J. A	Horse Shoe
Brower, L. M	Albemarle	Carver, D. F	Brevard
Buie, J. D	Enochville	Cordell, L. T	Crabtree
Burnett, J. A‡	Asheville	Comann, D. H	Franklin
Bryant, R. F	Salisbury	Davis, S. M	Mt. Holly
Barnett, W. R	Franklin	Dawson, M. L	Salisbury

MINISTERS OF W. N. C. CONFERENCE.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.
Douglas, S. P	Morganton
Downum, J. M	Elkin
Edwards, T. H	Nebo
Ellington, T. S	Stanly Creek
England, J. F	Olin
Erwin, Ira	Winston
Eudaily, E. J*	Wilkesboro
Field, M. C	Lewisville
Falls, L. A	Mill Springs
Fincher, B. F. (supply)	Charlotte
Finlayson, J. T	Shelby
Gantt, A. G	Bellewood
Gay, J. E	Mt. Airy
Gentry, C. M	Catawba
Giles, M. D	Pineville
Groome, P. L	Farmington
Guthrie, T. W	Shelby
Gibson, T. F	Amantha
Gillespie, L. D	Sutherlands
Hale, W. S	Mt. Pleasant
Haltom, W. S‡	Charlotte
Hardison, G. W	Ansonville
Hartsell, J. C	Statesville
Heitman, J. F	Trinity College
Helsabeck, S. H	Rural Hall
Holmes Parker	Stokesdale
Honeycut, W. V	Big Lick
Hoyle, M. H	Rutherfordton
Hoyle, R. M	Mt. Airy
Hudson, H. T	Shelby
Hoover, H. T	Coopers
Hunt, M. J	Pleasant Garden
Hilliary, S. H	Greensboro
Ivey, G. W	Newton
Jacobs, A. W	Franklin
Jackson, G. W	Waynesville
Jones, J. W	High Point
Keerans, I. J*	Sawyersville
King, C. W ‡	Pleasant Garden
Little, C. G	Hendersonville
Lumly, J. M	Taylorsville
Lowder, J. M	Danburry
Leith, W. H	Salisbury
Logan, J C†	Crabtree
Lyda, W. B	Weaverville
Long, J. R‡	Tuscola
Myers, E	Barnardsville
Marr, T. F	Haysville
Mallonee, W. G	Franklin
Moore, J. H	Acton
McGee, W. P	Webster
McCurdy, T. B	Robbinsville
Norman, W. C	Winston
Nelson, J. S	Mocksville
Nelson, W. H	Double Shoals
Parker, T. W. S	Charlotte
Page, J. H	Statesville
Paris, Zadock	Lilesville
Peeler, S. D‡	Kernersville
Poe, E. J	Jackson Hill
Pegram, T. H	Winston
Pepper, C. M ‡	High Point
Pool, Solomon	Charlotte
Plyler, C †	Shelby
Pusey, E. G	Sparta
Penland, R. H †	Spring Creek
Puett, J. W ‡	Dallas
Perry, W. H	Dobson
Parker, P. E	Elk Park
Rend, Henry	Hamburg
Rice, J. M	Miller's Creek
Richardson, N. R	Reidsville
Richardson, S. E †	Haysville
Rogers, T. J	Henrietta
Rowe, J. C	Monroe
Rush, Zebedee	Connelly Springs
Renn, J. J	Salisbury
Scroggs, J. R	Statesville
Sherrill, M. V	Lexington
Smith, M. A	Davidson College
Smith, T. W	Concord
Sherrill, W. L	Morganton
Sherrill R. D	Bakersville
Stacy, L. E	Albemarle
Stamey, E. L	Greensboro
Steele, M. T	Plateau
Stephenson, R. T. N	Morven
Strider, J. W	Winchester
Surratt, A. R	McAdensville
Sronce, J. A	Burnsville
Salver, T. T	Pigeon River
Shelly, J. O	Murphy
Smith, C. D*	Franklin
Stover, J. T	Weaversville
Tate, D. P	Gastonia
Thomas J. C	Leaksville
Tarleton, J. B†	Goodman
Thompson, J. Ed	Marion
Totton, J. H	Lassiter's Mill
Townsend. F. L	Madison
Triplett, T. I	Unionville
Turrentine, S. B	Morganton
Troy, J. C	Asheville
Tyer, A. P	Monroe
Tabor, J. B	Bryson City
Terrell, P. L	Leicester
Washburn, J. F	Yadkinville
Webb, R. S	Denver

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Wheeler, J. W‡	Charlotte	Weaver, T. E	Spruce Pine
Wiley, A. E	Wilkesboro	Wiggins, J. A	Robbinsville
Wiley, H. F	Walnut Cove	West, J. H	Old Fort
Wilson, Jas*	Statesville	Weaver, J. H	Weaversville
Wilson, W. C	Thomasville	Ware, W. R	Reidsville
Womack, W. W	Otter Creek	York, B. A	Forest City
Wood, F. H	Mooresville		

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† Supply.
‡ Superannuated.

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1 Mile north of Connelly Springs,
8 Miles south-west of Granite Falls,
10 Miles south of Lenoir,
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67 Miles west of Salisbury,
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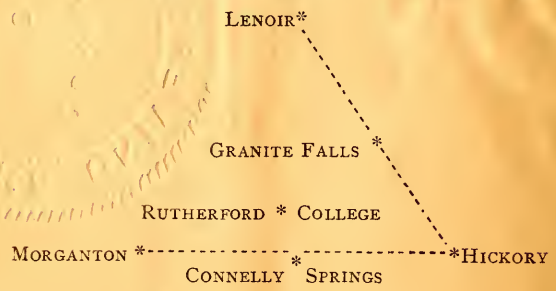

Within 12 miles of Rutheford College as a centre and including the 6 towns on the map, it is estimated there are at least 15,000 people living. It is a prosperous section of the State, containing a population of *superior education and refinement;* hence the Tabernacle meetings are always largely attended by the very best class of people.

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Local Preachers' Conference.

DEAR BROTHER:—*Come to the Local Preachers' Conference, July 22–26. Twenty-second* Annual Meeting.

Rutherford College was burned just after our last Conference, but God has given the College a *new building larger* and *finer* than ever. (Our Tabernacle building still stands.) This is the headquarters for the local preachers of North Carolina. Let us gather in full force, and help Dr. Abernethy dedicate his new college. It will do him good. It will do us *great* good. A great work is yet to be done in this State, and we *must* do our part. Don't wait for me to send you a blank report this year. Write me a one-page letter *at once*, and tell about your work. Send a good contribution to the Minute Fund, so we can have the Minutes printed soon after the Conference.

We always have a low-rate schedule from all principal cities in this State. Then the *summer schedule* is always low. Buy a return ticket to *Connelly's Springs*—one mile from the College.

You need not make a *speech* at Conference, or *preach*, unless you prefer to do so; if, however, you come prepared, you shall have plenty of opportunity to *preach* all you will.

Let Rutherford College be the great annual meeting place for both *local* and *traveling* preachers of *both* Conferences. We shall no doubt have a splendid Conference this year. We *always do* have a good time.

Write me or Dr. Whitaker freely about the Conference.

LEVI BRANSON,
Financial Secretary,
RALEIGH, N. C.

N. C. Ad Wilson

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Local Ministers' Conference,

(M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,)

FOR THE STATE OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, N. C.,

JULY 20-24, 1892.

OFFICERS FOR 1892-93:

R. L. ABERNETHY, D. D.,.....PRESIDENT.
W. P. WILLIAMS.....1st VICE PRESIDENT.
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ALEX. WALKER.....3rd " "
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N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE,

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

RALEIGH, N. C., JULY 20, 1892.

The N. C. Local Ministers' Conference met at Central Methodist Church at 8 P. M., President Abernethy in the chair. The choir sang "Gracious Spirit, love divine," after which Dr. Abernethy read a Bible lesson, the congregation rendered a devotional hymn, and then the President offered an earnest prayer.

Rev. J. B. Hurley, pastor of Central Church, delivered an appropriate welcome address, which was responded to by Dr. Abernethy in fitting terms.

Levi Branson introduced Dr. J. F. Crowell, President of Trinity College, who delivered his prepared address on the "History of Local Preaching and its Bearing on Methodist Economy." The address was one of great ability and full of valuable suggestions.

The President appointed J. B. Hurley, R. H. Whitaker and W. N. Snelling a committee on religious services.

Preaching was announced for 11 A. M., to-morrow, and Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Crowell.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

The Conference met at 9 A. M., President Abernethy in the chair. J. B. Floyd conducted divine services.

The Secretary read the minutes of yesterday which were approved. After which some time was devoted to the work of correcting the roll of members.

J. B. Floyd and D. P. Meacham discussed the propriety of adopting an organ for this Conference.

Dr. Abernethy delivered his Annual Address which was read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE N. C. LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE:—In the providence of God, we have been brought through another Conference year and have again been permitted to meet in our a n-

nual convocation for the twenty-third time since our organization in the town of Durham, N. C., in the year 1870. Many indeed, have been the changes in both Church and State since that organization was effected by a handful of Local brethren, whose hearts, burning with holy desire for the elevation of this division of workers in the Church, prompted them to meet, organize and formulate a Constitution with reference to this special work.

To trace the individual labors, sacrifices and sufferings of these men of God, and the workings of a divine providence through their instrumentality all along the line of this period of their labors, would give to the Church and the world such a historical sketch of brilliant achievements in divine grace as is not to be found elsewhere upon the records of modern times.

Whatever may be thought or said of this class of "Assistant Pastors" in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as it now stands related to the Itinerant system of Methodism, history sustains us in the affirmation that American Methodism owes its origin and early success to this class of Christian workers. The first to plant the flag of Methodism upon American soil was a Local Preacher; and much of the grand and glorious work of revivals of Christianity in different sections of our great country from that day to this, has had its incipiency in the earnest labors of this class of our Christian brethren.

I am happy to day to be able truthfully to affirm upon this floor that, from the hour of our first organization to the present hour, the aim of this body has been to labor within the limits of disciplinary requisitions; to avoid all tendency toward radical innovation or revolution, by unitizing as far as possible, the discordant elements of both classes of the Methodist ministry.

That this body has effected some good in this way, can be seen by reading the annual minutes and other records of our church, in which some formal recognition of our existence as a body has been recorded.

But dear brethren of this Local Conference, notwithstanding the efforts of this body to elevate the local ranks and make our brethren more efficient and acceptable by unitizing the two classes of ministers in our Church; and notwithstanding the fact that our status as a ministerial body has called forth some public recognition upon the public records of our Church; yet the fact cannot be ignored that the chasm between these two classes of public religious functionaries is becoming wider and wider each succeeding year. The only cord that holds us together to day is the unit of our faith and personal experience upon the grand presumption that Methodism and Christianity are one; and upon this thought we stand together.

It is very apparent to all reflecting minds that some proper ecclesiastical legislation that shall more accurately define our status and assign us our duties is absolutely necessary, or there will be a disintegration of this class of local element, and the Methodist Church Itinerant will lose its power. There are too much intelligence and learning accumulating in the Local ranks for them to "stand out to sea," as they are now doing, without some definite coast in view.

The Church is progressive; and the Local Ministry, as well as the Church, must be progressive, or the whole class will soon fall out of the cognizance of human society.

But this progression can never be attained while we as a class are retained as a sort of caudle extremity to the Church, and Micawber

like, are "waiting for something to turn up." Give us such legislation as shall clearly define out status and work, and we will progress.

I would further suggest at this point the necessity of this body adopting an Organ, through which the members can become better acquainted with each other.

And I would suggest to the body of Local brethren here united for improvement in ways of usefulness to the Church, the necessity and propriety of a Course of study and reading to be pursued annually by the members of our Local Conference. Let a committee be appointed by this Conference from year to year, whose duty it shall be to examine the members upon the Course of reading prescribed. Let one day at each meeting of our Conference be given to this particular work of examination upon the course, or courses prescribed, and thus make our Conference a school of intellectual improvement, as well as one of religious enjoyment.

This is an age of intellectual advancement, and men who claim the the attention of the public ear upon subjects of public interest, must keep pace with the educational progression of the day, or lose their hold upon human society. The time for cant and snivelling in public speakers is past. Logic and thought have taken the places of Rhetorical flourish and bombast. The latent powers of Mind are being so rapidly developed as to catch the winged lightning in its flight. The soul of man in its God-like powers has snatched the golden rays of the sun beams and transformed them into painters of images upon plates of tin and glass. Deep down in the realms of thought the human mind has been constructing machines that soar above the darkened thunder clouds, and outwing the screaming eagle in his rapid flight. The old track of common thought is left untravelled by the powers of modern Mind, and men who presume to furnish intellectual pabulum for the fevered state of universal Mind, must delve and soar and expand into regions where creative power has not yet energized, or like some obstructed engine, fly the track and hide themselves among the debris of ruins and darkened caverns below. As a class of Ministers, we *must study* or retire from the field.

It is not boasting to say that no class of legally recognized public functionaries on this continent has done more for the great causes of Christianity and education, and for less present reward, than the Local Ministers of North America. They have been the pioneers of the Gospel car of the great modern reformation in all lands whither that car has ran, since the days of the Wesleys and their contemporaries. With saddle bags, Bible and hymn book, oft times on foot, without money or friends, they have wandered forth into the wilds and forests, scattering the seeds of eternal life among the destitute; and now since the Church has been fully organized and regular Pastors have been assigned, it may be truthfully said of the Church in modern times: "other men have sowed, but ye have reaped."

In conclusion brethren, let us labor on, trust on, wait on, and fight on in this mighty warfare till the Great Head of the Church shall assign us our proper place in heaven.

R. L. Abernethy.

Adjourned to preaching by J. M. Watson.

THURSDAY—3 P. M.

The Conference resumed work at the appointed time, and half an hour was devoted to prayer service.

On motion of J. B. Floyd the chair appointed W. P. Williams a committee of one to prepare a paper on Education. D. P. Meacham was appointed to prepare one on the subject of Temperance.

On motion of W. P. Ware a committee on Memoirs was raised consisting of Levi Branson, S. Y. Brown and Alexander Walker.

It was moved that J. B. Floyd be appointed a committee of one to confer with R. H. Whitaker and others, if necessary, in reference to an organ for this Conference.

The motion was made the special order for 9 A. M. tomorrow.

Brother Alexander Walker, being called out, made an interesting talk on suburban mission work. Much light was thrown upon the work of saving fallen women.

The committee on divine services announced for the night: W. P. Ware, a twenty minute's talk on "Evangelical work of Local Preachers." Alexander Walker, a 20 minute's talk on "No man careth for me." Dr. Abernethy, "Exhortation and altar work."

Benediction by the President.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, and divine services were held by W. P. Ware. The minutes were read and approved.

The order for the hour was taken up and discussed by Alexander Walker, J. B. Floyd, W. P. Williams, J. M. Watson, Levi Branson and D. P Meacham. The motion was unanimously adopted, and the Chair appointed W. P. Williams and Prof. Berge Abernethy to act in connection with J. B. Floyd in the matter of Conference organ.

Alexander Walker moved that the Presiding Elders in the State be requested to supply correct rolls of the Local Preachers to their respective Conferences, and that the same be printed in the minutes of the Annual Conferences as heretofore.

Dr. F. L. Reid, J. B. Hurley and John N. Cole, of the N. C. Conference, were on the floor of the Conference today, indicating interest in the Local Preachers.

The Conference adjourned for 11 o'clock services, and J. B. Floyd preached on the subject of prayer.

FRIDAY, 3 P. M.

The Conference re assembled at 3 P. M., President Abernethy in the chair, Samuel Y. rown conducted opening services by singing and prayer. Minutes of the morning session read and appproved.

The following brethren are reported to have died during the past Conference year: B. York, David E. Warlick, Hosea Hale, V. G. Rollins, T. A. Dorsey, Redding Moore, J. W. Heptinstall, B. B. Hester, W. R. Webb and H. T. Farrow.

The committee on Conference Organ made their report which, after the adoption of an amendment offered by Levi Branson, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORGAN.

Your Committee to confer with Dr. Whitaker relative to the use of his paper, THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE, as a medium of communication for members of the Local Ministers' Conference, of the State of North Carolina, beg leave to report, that, Dr. Whitaker agrees to give the use of a page of his paper, weekly, as a medium of communication for the members of the Local Ministers' Conference of North Carolina, reserving the right, as Editor, to reject any matter which might have a tendency to create strife, or injure, in the least, our Church, which is as dear to us as our lives. The leading object of this proposed arrangement is to make Local Ministers more efficient, by bringing them nearer together, and affording the means by which they can make known the methods, results, &c., of their labors.

Your Committee suggests that the Editor be requested to issue 500 extra copies of the paper, mainly to Local and Itinerant ministers of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences, in which an address shall be published to the aforesaid ministers, and to the church setting forth the objects and aims of the Conference, which has hitherto been done, from time to time, namely, to promote the cause of God, and to improve themselves as christian workers.

Your Committee also suggest that every local minister be constituted an agent for the paper. Your Committee further suggests that $5.00 be paid the Editor from the Minute fund to enable him to issue the 500 copies above mentioned.

The Committee accept as a part of this report the following offered by Dr. Branson: "And that we petition the Raleigh Christian Advocate, the Statesville Advocate and the Asheville Methodist for a column, more or less, in each paper for our use as Local Ministers."

J. B. FLOYD, For Com.

W. P. Williams read the following report on Education which was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The undersigned, appointed to prepare a paper on Education, beg leave to report, that he is profoundly impressed with the fact the Re lation of the Church to the Morals of Society, makes a stronger de mand for Education, than can be suggested by State policy.

Her standard of manhood is higher, her obligations to make th most of human nature is more sacred, her work more world-encom passing, her ends more choice and enduring. While not unmindfu of practical utilities or of literary excellencies, for their own sakes nevertheless, the moral and not the material solutions and product the spiritual, not the secular ends of education, engage her attentio chiefly. Information, knowledge, material utility, political sagacity and literary refinements are not put before personal worth. She i more concerned about what man shall *be*, than what he shall *know* She appreciates the dignity and destiny of manhood; and capacitat man for eternity—as heirs of immortality—Kings and priests un God forever. The end of all scientific study, with her, is not to app science to arts, mechanical contrivances and the like. This is but i approximate purpose. Its ultimate end is to bring the soul into mo distinct realization of the wisdom and majesty of its God. To upli and ennoble it with the great and glorious study to which God h himself invited us.

Being devoutly impressed with the fact that the moral wants human nature furnishes a broader basis for education than can suggested by state policy; and whereas, Dr. R. L. Abernethy h spent the prime of his life in the work of christian education, ther fore,

Resolved, that it is the duty of the M. E. Church, in North Car lina, and the public generally, to give him not only a liberal pa ronage, in the way of students, but the financial aid also, that he so much needing for the completion of Rutherford College.

Respectifully Submitted,

W. P. WILLIAMS

Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Met at the appointed time, Dr. Abernethy in the cha

Open with religious services by J. M. Watson.

D. P. Meacham read the report on Temperance whi was unanimously adopted:

PAPER ON THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

There may have been a period in the history of the Church of Chr when its members, could have remained quiet on the subject of evils of the liquor traffic: if ever there was, that time has long sin passed away. Of all the monstrous curses with which civilization burdened to-day there is not another, so ruinous, so popular, or powerful, and so devilish or merciless, as intemperance, nor is th another enemy against God and man, against, society and civilizati from which the Christian Church appears to shrink and flinch fr

grappling. It is the great powder magazine, erected just under the walls of every man's cottage filled with an explosive as deadly in its final effects as the dynamite or the dreaded nitro-glycerine; it only needs to have the spark to enter it, and it is only a question of time, when all within its range are blasted into atoms: A menace to life, liberty and happiness, it threatens every man, woman and child. And although it has no eyes, yet it stalks abroad not only at midday; but even in the darkness of midnight, stealthily, and with noiseless step, finds its way to the very citadel of man's happiness, the Church's success, the day star of hope; the most brilliant prospects; and leaves its deadly work in its foul trail. While it remains unbridled, while it roams at large over this or any other country, we need no other evil, we need no other fiend. God's throne in man's heart needs, nor could it possibly have a more deadly and mortal enemy. The great grapple hook in the hands of the devil, with which the power of hell is exerted, reaching into the Church and dragging its victims from the very horns of its sacred altars, reaching into the family circle and often snatching the brightest stars from the threshold of the domestic altar. The great man eater, insatiate to devour, ever gorging yet never filled. When the whole Church shall arm herself for the fight and all her sons and daughters, fathers, mothers and brothers, clothe themselves with the *whole* armor of God, then we shall see this great monster enemy of God, angels and men, begin his reluctant retreat, but not before the Church ceases to compromise the battle. Brethren, let us keep the fire kindled on our altars, keep the flag unfurled, strike wherever a blow may be effective. God will give us all the victory we will earn.

D. P. MEACHAM. For Com.

Adjourned at 11 o'clock for divine services. W. P. Ware preached.

SATURDAY, 3 P. M.

The Conference met at the appointed time; L. Berge Abenethy conducted the opening services. The minutes were read, corrected and then approved.

The President called the special order, the election of officers, and upon ballot the following were chosen:

R. L. ABERNETHY, D. D.,.....President.
W. P. WILLIAMS..... .....1st Vice President
J. B. FLOYD.....2nd Vice President
ALEXANDER WALKER..... .....3rd Vice President.
LEVI BRANSON, D. D.,.....Financial Secretary.
W. P. WARE.....Spec. Fi. Agent.
R. H. WHITAKER.....Sec. of Evanglistic Bureau.

The Financial Secretary reported as follows, including two years, which was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

LEVI BRANSON, Financial Secretary.
In account with the Local Ministers' Conference:

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To cash received of	W. P. Williams	$ 1 00
" "	W. K. Eborn	10
" "	W. F. Needham	1 00
" "	J. B. Floyd	1 00
" "	F. S. Becton	1 00
" "	D. B. Austin	1 00
" "	N. McN. Smith	1 00
" "	Dr. J. A. Reagan	1 00
" "	Samuel Y. Brown	1 00
" "	E. E. Smith	1 00
" "	B. A. York	25
" "	George P. Drum	1 00
" "	Alexander Walker	1 00
" "	J. A. D. Boone	25
" "	J. W. Kennedy	1 00
" "	Isaac N. Mann	1 00
" "	Levi Branson	25 00
" "	W. P. Williams	5 00
" "	Alexander Walker	4 00
" "	J. M. Watson	2 00
" "	Saamuel Y. Brown	1 00
" "	Prof. L. Berge Abernethy	1 00
" "	W. P. Ware	6 00
" "	W. P. Williams	1 00
" "	J. B. Floyd	1 00
" "	Dr. R. L Abernethy	10 00
" "	J. M. Watson	2 00
" "	J. B. Floyd	4 00
" "	W. P. Ware	1 00
" "	Alexander Walker	2 70
" "	Special collection for 500 copies Spirit of the Age	5 00
" "	Balance	3 27
Total receipts,		$87 57

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By 600 copies of Minutes for 1890	$30 00
" Postage and Envelopes,	5 00
" Deficit for 1890,	30 07
" Letter Heads, Envelopes, &c., for 1892,	11 25
" Expenses of Special Financial Agent,	5 00
" Advertising Open-Air Exercises,	1 25
" 500 copies Spirit of the Age,	5 00
	$87 57

W. P. Williams offered the following which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Raleigh who have entertained us so hospitably during this session: to the various papers in the city for the faithful reports of

our sessions, and to Superintendent Huff for the very pleasant excursion given us on the Electric Railway to the Brookside Park, which is destined to be one of the most pleasant resorts accessive to the citizens of any Southern city.

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the courtesy of the Pastor and members of Central Church for the use of same in which to hold our Conference.

The Conference then adjourned.

R. L. ABERNETHY, Pres't.

LEVI BRANSON, Sect'y.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

FOR DEACONS' ORDERS.

The Bible, History and Biography.
The Discipline.
Binnse' Theological Compend.
Wesleys' Sermons on Justification and on the witness of the Spirit.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE.

Preacher's Text-book.
Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary.
Watson's Institutes.
Ruter's Gregory's Church History.
Catechism on Church Goverment.

FOR ELDERS' ORDERS.

The Bible—doctrines.
The Discipline.
Manual of Discipline.
Watson's Institutes.
Wesley's Sermons.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE.

Paine's life of McKendree.
Prelatical Succession Examined.
Watson's Life of Wesley.
Watson's Sermons.
Clark's Commentary.
Summers on Gospels and Acts.
Wheedon's Commentary.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening by the President.
2. Revising and correcting roll.
3. Address of the President.
4. Appointment of committees.
5. Reading written reports.
6. Verbal reports of delegates.
7. Selecting delegates.
8. Discuss plans for increased usefulness.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Select place for next meeting.
11. Election of officers.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Benediction.

Samuel Y. Brown, Hurdle's Mills, writes his intenton to be at conference and take part in the good work; has preached 30 sermons; organized 1 S. school; sends $1 to the minute fund.

G. P. Drum, Maiden, has had 3 regular appointments—has preached 36 sermons; organized 2 S. schools and held about 50 prayer-meetings. Sends $1 to minute fund.

B. A. York, Forest City, sends a memoir of his sainted father, Brantley York, D. D., prepared by Rev. M. H. Hoyle. It shows a life wonderfully replete with work and usefulness. Inclosed 25 cents for minute fund.

R. W. Bailey, Durham, writes to manifest his deep interest in the conference—is providentially prevented from delivering the address designed for him.

M. A. Holler, Hudson, has preached 26 sermons—has 2 regular appointments; has organized 1 S. school and baptized 16 persons; expresses earnest desire for a successful conference.

Thad. L. Troy, Liberty, has been doing Bible colporteur work and takes much interest in the work of our conference as tending to train men for all useful religious work.

John A. Bush, Granite Falls, has 8 regular appointments—has preached 52 sermons: has organized 4 S. schools and held 30 prayer-meetings.

W. K. Houk, Morganton, has had 7 regular appointments; preached 65 sermons; organized 1 Sunday school and held 50 prayer-meetings; prays that the conference may be a great success.

A. E. Bobbitt, Cedar Rock, has not been able to work, but lives on down to old age in affliction: yet in blissful hope of a blessed immortality.

E. E. Smith, Settle, has been preaching and working for the church for many years—has served as a steward for over 20 years—feels the deepest interest in the work of our conference—sends $1 for the minute fund.

L. Turner, Newport News, is prevented from attending the conference.

A. W. Craft, Lewisville, has had 2 regular appointments—has preached 30 sermons and baptized 8 persons.

Dr. J. A. Reagan, Weaverville, has had 3 regular appointments—preaching 45 sermons—held 2 prayer-meetings—baptized 4 persons and received 6 into the Church; prays that we may have a glorious meeting; sends $1 to minute fund.

N. McN. Smith, Laurinburg, has had 3 regular appointments, and preached 48 sermons—sends $1 to minute fund.

W. Cole, Topia, has had 2 regular appointments—preached 26 sermons and conducted 1 prayer-meeting.

F. S. Becton, Bachelor, Pamlico circuit, has 12 appointments; has preached 171 sermons; organized 3 Sunday schools; held 21 prayer-meetings; baptized 38 persons, and received 53 into the church.

James B. Floyd, Mt. Energy, has had 2 regular appointments—preached 24 sermons; held 12 prayer-meetings—sends $1 to minute fund—is enthusiastic as to the usefulness of the Local Conference.

WRITTEN REPORTS.

W. P. Ware of Reidsville has preached 106 sermons; witnessed 81 conversions; has built 1 church with a membership of 21; collected $600 dollars.

Isaac N. Mann, Siler City, has preached on the average one sermon each Sunday; some sabbaths, 2 sermons; has received 16 into the church; has baptized 10 adults and 9 infants; sends $1 to minute fund; has had some happy times during the year.

P. P. McLean, Whittier; unavoidably prevented from attending the conference by the illness of his wife; wishes abundant blessings on the conference.

F. A. Vines, Washington, has been 4 years in the Evangelistic work; generally helps the pastors on very poor circuits, and missions, but God has honored the work and crowned his efforts with success; has preached 144 sermons; held 8 prayer-meetings and baptized one subject; sends 50 cents for minute fund.

D. N. McLean, Fayetteville, had 2 regular appointments;—has preached 50 sermons; and held 12 prayer-meetings. He gives most of his work to destitute places—preaches at the poor house and other destitute places not usually reached by the Itinerants—sends 25 cents for the minute fund.

J. M. Watson, Lake Landing, is now quite old and feeble—has not much work to report—sends $2 to the minute fund.

J. A. D. Boone, Fayetteville, has only been preaching 2 years; has held services at private houses, at mission churches and at the poor house; he is especially interested in trying to preach the gospel to the poor—sends 25 cents to the minute fund.

Alex. Walker, Durham, has 4 and 5 regular appointments all the year; holds 1 weekly and 1 monthly prayer-meeting—has baptized 8 adults and 3 infants; and received 8 members into the church; incloses $1 for minute fund.

T. H. Bain, Germanton, is kept at home by severe family affliction, prays for the success of our conference; he is trying to sow the seeds of truth in a quiet way wherever he goes; has assisted his pastor on several occasions this year; prays God's richest blessings on the conference and lives in lively hopes of meeting the brethren in the general assemby of the first born in heaven.

Jno. F. Butt, Newbern, has preached about 200 sermons; held about 40 prayer-meetings; baptized 23 persons; visited about 300 families, and held prayers with most of them; talked to over 2,000 people in these families; has taken into the church over 100 persons.

B. F Long, D. D., Rocky Mount, is providentially hindered from attending conference; is constantly engaged in literary works, and greatly desired to aid in this year's conference.

K. R. Pugh, Rodanthe, has preached 53 sermons; baptized 7 children; married 10 couples; delivered several S. S. lectures and tries to be useful wherever there is an opening.

F. S. Starrette, Durham, is constantly engaged in newspaper work; signifies decided interest in the work of the conference.

W. R. Ferguson, Southport, has preached 48 sermons, and held 18 prayer meetings: feels much interest in the Local Ministers' conference.

W. F. Needham, Bliss, has 3 regular appointments; has preached 60 sermons and conducted a number of prayer-meetings; sends $1 to the minute fund. Has conducted many burial services and married several couples.

A. H. Perry, Kimbolton, has had 1 regular appointment; and organized 1 S. School; feels much interest in the Local Ministers' conference.

W. P. Ware, Reidsville, has had 80 converts; preaches 2 or 3 times every sabbath.

Solomon Lea, Leasburg, is now in his 85th year; continued to preach through the year 1891 every sabbath one sermon; besides funerals extra; and some prayer-meetings; sends paternal benedictions to the conference.

Dr. B. F. Dixon, Pres. Greensboro Female College, says: "I will take great pleasure in attending the conference and contributing my mite towards its success."

J. H. Jefferson, Winston, writes of his age and changeable health, but feels deep interest in the work of our conference.

Dr. H. A. Smathers, Pigeon River, writes: "will be on hand if not providentially hindered; hope nothing will be wanting to make a success."

LETTERS RECEIVED.

JACKSON, MISS., January 16th, 1892.

Rev. Levi Branson, D. D.,—Dear Brother: Your favor of the 12th inst., inviting me to attend the N. C. Local Ministers' Conference, July 20th to 24th, and preach a sermon before the body, has been received. At that time I expect to be in England as the Fraternal Messenger of our Church to the Wesleyan Conference, and cannot therefore accept your kind and highly appreciated invitation. May the Father's blessings be upon the Conference and the local ministry of our Methodism! Truly and Fraternally,

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY.

MOREHEAD CITY, N. C., June 27th, 1862.

Rev. L. Branson, Dear Brother:—I am sorry to say that I cannot be at the Local Preachers' Conference in July. After having three attacks of la grippe, the last one being followed (last December.) by a stroke of palsy that deprived me of the use of every limb in my body. I was unable to move without assistance. In a few days I recovered the partial use of my hands, but my legs are still serviceable only in a limited way. I had to give up my practice, as it is not safe for me to travel alone, having occasional threatening of the renewal of an attack of paralysis. I give up all idea of ever attending any of the

great gatherings of the church or the world. I consider that the journey of life is about ended and I am now simply waiting my turn for the keeper of the gate to open and let me in.

Your programme is an inviting one and I should have been delighted to have taken part in some of the discussions; but Providence orders it otherwise. I walk with difficulty and sometimes can stand only a few minutes at a time. Hoping that you may have a pleasant and profitable time, I remain

Yours Truly,

E. L. PERKINS.

NORFOLK, VA., June 23rd, 1892.

Rev. L. Branson, D. D.:—I have just received your letter containing programme, &c., of the Local Preachers' Conference to be held in Raleigh, July 20-24th, 1892. I would be greatly pleased to attend, but will not be able to do so. I was received into the Virginia Conference on trial last November, and appointed to the Huntersville Mission, this city. I have my hands and heart full of the work, and will not be able to attend your conference in person, but will be with you in spirit. Please find enclosed $1 for the use of the conference. Please send me a copy of minutes when printed. May your work be greatly blessed by the great Head of the Church.

Yours Fraternally,

D. B. AUSTIN.

RALEIGH, N. C., January 11th, 1892.

Rev. L. Branson, D. D.—Dear Brother: Your cordial invitation to attend the sessions of your Local Ministers' Conference is to hand. I thank you for it, and beg to say that I hope to be with you, and expect much enjoyment from it.

Very cordially Yours,

JOHN N. COLE.

MINISTERS ATTENDING SESSION OF 1892.

Abernethy, R. L , D. D.,	Local Ministers' Conference
Abernethy, L. Burgess	Local Ministers' Conference
Barker, J. J.	North Carolina Conference
Brown, Samuel Y.	Local Ministers' Conference
Branson, Levi	Local Ministers' Conference
Crowell, J. F., D. D.	Local Ministers' Conference
Crowder, W. J. W.	Local Ministers' Conference
Cole, John N.	North Carolina Conference
Floyd, James B.	Local Ministers' Conference
Hurley, J. B.	North Carolina Conference
Holmes, K. D.	" "
Nash, L. L., D. D.	" "
Meacham, D. P.	Local Ministers' "
Reid, F. L., D. D.	Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate
Thomas, Marcus C.	North Carolina Conference
Williams, W. P.	Local Ministers' "
Walker, Alexander,	" "
Watson, James M.	" "
Ware, W. P.	" "
Whitaker, R. H.,	" "

A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF A GREAT AND GOOD MAN.

BY REV. M. H. HOYLE.

Rev. Brantley York, D. D., was born January 3rd, 1805, and departed this life Oct. 7th, 1891, being 86 years, 9 months and 4 days old.

He was born in Randolph county on Bush Creek. He was the seventh son of Eli and Susan York. From his boyhood he was religiously inclined though he was not converted until he was between 18 and 19 years of age.

The date of his conversion is August 12th, 1823, at a camp-meeting at Ebenezer church, in the county of his nativity. On Tuesday night Rev. Lewis Skidmore preached a powerful sermon—the altar services continued all night, and just at break of day, on Wednesday morning, the light of the glorious gospel of the Son of God dawned upon his soul. On the 31st day of Jan., 1828, he was united in holy matrimony to Miss Fannie Sherwood daughter of Daniel and Rachel Sherwood, he being 23 years and 27 days old, and she nearly 19 years. This marriage connection continued six happy years during which time two children were born, Rachel and Amos; but on Jan. 14th, 1834, his wife passed triumphantly to the other shore. He was married the second time to Miss Mary Wells Linebery, of Randolph county on Nov. 13th, 1836.

In the year 1838, he laid the foundation of what is now Trinity College, of which he was principal till 1842, when he resigned, having accepted the principalship of Clemonsville High School. In 1851 he was elected principal of Olin High School which flourished greatly under his administration.

In 1859 he was elected principal of York Collegiate Institute in Alexander county which flourished until the destruction of the building by the soldiers during the late war.

In 1854 the first edition of *York's Common School Grammar* appeared. There have been four editions of both *Common* and *High School Grammars*. In 1869 he was elected principal of Ruffin Badger Institute in Chatham county and in 1870 to the chair of Logic and Rhetoric in Rutherford College. In 1881 he founded New Salem and Randleman High School in Randolph county and after teaching at this place for four years, he was not engaged in any regular teaching, but traveled and labored for God and the cause of humanity till the day of his death.

In the year 1853 when he was only 48 years of age he was deprived entirely of his sight and for 13 years previous he labored with very defective vision.

At the age of fourteen years he left the school room never to enter again as a student, having gone to school only thirteen months at different times. He was 24 years old, was married and $300.00 in debt when he saw his first English Grammar. He had been a preacher of the Gospel for 60 years, having been licensed to preach at the age of 27 years, Rev. Jno. W. Childs being pastor in charge.

He lived 55 years with his last wife who is the mother of 11 children, 8 of whom still survive, 6 boys and 2 girls. His two youngest sons, Rev. B. A. York, M. A. and Rev. D. V. York, M. A., are members of the Western N. C. and Holston Conferences. He estimated before his death that during his life, he had preached more than 5000 sermons and delivered more than 3000 lectures. He read his Bible through at least eighty times and during the latter years of his life he read it through twice every year. During the late years of his pilgrimage, he was accustomed to resorting to secret prayer three or four times every day.

It is safe to say that not less than 15,000 students were under his instruction during his life. In early life he was hired out on the farm. After his day's work he would carry with him an armful of pine-knots, with the light of which he would read and study till late in the night, and when the knots were exhausted, he would read by the light of the coals. It is thought this straining of his eyes caused his blindness. With only thirteen months schooling at different periods he was determined to educate himself in the face of all difficulties, that he might do all possible good and leave his impress upon the world. While struggling to maintain his family in his blindness, he gave all his ten living children a good education.

From an early date in life, till the day of his decease, he was an ardent Prohibitionist, frequently lecturing on the subject and organizing Temperance Lodges, and in 1881 he canvassed a portion of this state in the interest of the cause which lay so near his heart. He traveled, preached and lectured in almost every county in North Carolina and in portions of Virginia, South Carolina and Arkansas. During the last six weeks of his life he labored abundantly in revivals on the Forest City circuit with his son, Rev. B. A. York, having preached during the time 18 sermons from as many different texts. He often expressed a desire that he might never be laid upon the shelf but that he might die with his armor bright and his face towards the foe. He expressed a strong desire that his mantle might fall upon his two sons in the ministry. A short time before this, with a heavenly radiance upon his face, and glory in his soul, he said, "All is, well with me."

"Servant of God well done!
Rest from thy loved employ!
The battle fought, the Vict'ry won!
Enter thy Master's joy.

The voice on the evening Zephyr came;
He started up to hear;
A mortal arrow pierced his frame;
He fell but felt no fear.

Tranquil amid alarms,
It found him on the field,
A vet'ran, standing by his arms,
Beneath his red cross shield.

His sword was in his hand,
Still warm with recent fight,
Ready that moment at command.
Thro' rock and steel to smite.

The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease,
Life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul now rests in peace.

Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ!
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Savior's joy."

Rutherfordton, N. C. Dec., 15, 1891.

LOCAL MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	NAME.	POST-OFFICE.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

Ball, J. H., licen. Franklinton
Branson, Levi, elder, Raleigh
Floyd, J. B., deacon, Wilton
Hester, W. S., elder, Oxford
Parker, J. A., licen., Morrisville
Sorrell, Johnson, licen., Raleigh
Turner, L. T., licen., Wilton
Whitaker, K. H., elder, Raleigh
Westbrooks, C. W., elder, Oxford

DURHAM DISTRICT.

Barker, S. T., - Oregon
Bailey, Robert W., lic., Durham
Brown, Sam'l Y., Herster's Store
Cuninggim, W. H., eld., Durham
Cole, W. T., - Galveston
Exum, ——, licen - Durham
Long, J. B., elder, - Grove
Lea, Solomon, elder, Leasburg
Mann, Isaac N., elder, Siler City
Massey, P. H., licen., Durham
Perry, A. H., licen., Kimbolton
Strater, J. T., - Oregon
Stewart, J., licen, Chalk Level
Thompson, W. H. elder, Oaks
Walker, Alexander, dea. Durham
Womble, W. F., - Siler City

WILSON DISTRICT.

Nordon, N. B., dea. Smithfield
Byrd, William, deacon, Poe's
Culbreth, Gray, dea., Godwin
Jackson, Josiah, licen, Peo's
Mallett, J.F. licen, Rocky Mount
Hoover, E. D., elder, Toisnot
Hoover, J.T.B., licen., Elm City
Eborn, W.K., licen., Williamston
Harrell, W.H., licen. Williamston
Davenport, Mc. G., licen. Bethel
Hathaway E. D., licen. Bethel
Vernon, Judson, dea. Fremont
Eure, F. F., licen. Kenly

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

Ledbetter R.S., elder Rockingham
Webb, Leonard, deacon,
Smith, J. C., deacon,
Rainwater, W.T., D. Rockingham
Bruton, R. A., licen.
Haltom, W. C., licen. Troy
Bruton, Jacob B., licen. Orvil
Adams, Andrew H., dea. Gibson
Smith, N.Mc.N., eld., Laurinburg
Walters, T. H., dea. Laurel Hill
Smith, Y. E., licen "
Trawick, S. R., elder, Maxton
Betts, J. R., elder, John Station
Williams, J. B., licen.
Paul, Joseph, licen.
Gaddy, J. R., dea. Gaddysville
Thompson, W., dea. Lumberton

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

Flythe, Jessie, Conway
Goodwin, H. D., Union
Grant Willam, Jackson
Stainback, P. N., Weldon

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Cherry, J.L., licen. Williamston
Ecklin, W. C., dea. Chocowinity
Fulcher, G. L., licen Hatteras
Jennett, J. B., licen Avon
Payne, N. O., licen Rodanthe
Payne, Sanderson, elder, Manteo
Pegram, J. Y., elder, Bath
Powell, Henry, dea. Vanceboro
Price, A. W., licen, - Avon
Pugh, K. R., deacon, Rodanthe
Watson, J. M., eld. Lake Land'g
Wyche, L. O., elder, Hatteras

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Andrews, G. B., licen. Shallotte
Johnson, J. A., licen. Elizabeth
Craig, J. W., licen. Wilmington
Fergerson, W. R., dea. Southport
Hall, Thomas B., licen. Dismal
Jenkins, W.A., lic. Wilmington
Johnson, Owen, licen. Dismal
Johnson, Joshua, licen. Ammon
Long, J. Q., licen. Lebanon
Marlow, J. M., licen. Old Dock
Milliken, Irwin Ashe
Porter, J. J., Wallace
Spell, Owen, licen. Dismal
Sutton, Joshua, licen. Fair Bluff
Tart, J. H., licen. Fair Bluff

MT. AIRY DISTRICT.

Bain, T. H., Germanton

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Green, B. G., licen.	Jonesville	Neal, Prof. G. W.,	E. Newbern
Holcombe, Dr. D.F.,	D. Rockford	Perkins, Dr. E. L.,	E. Morehead
Johnson, W., licen.	Francisco	Porter, D. W., licen.	Swift Creek
Long, A. M., licen.	Culler	Powell, Henry, dea.	Vanceboro
Long M. H., licen.	Yadkinville	Starling, G. W.,	Goldsboro
Matthews, J. M.. lic.	Yadkinville	Rumley, Julian, licen	Beaufort
Needham, Jesse, licen.	Bliss	Webb, J. B., elder	Kinston
Needham, James, licen.	Bliss	Wine, W. R., dea.	Vanceboro
Nicholson, Dr. J.P.,	E. Ea'l. Mills		
Needham, W. T., licen.	Bliss		
Smith, E. E., deacon	Settle		
Simpson, T. H., licen.	East Bend		

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

Boone, J. A. D.,	Fayetteville
Cain, James, licen.	Athens
Caviness, A., licen.	Buffalo Ford
Covington, J. A.,	E. Rockingham
Culbreth, Love, elder	Blocker's
Etheridge, L. S., licen	Laurinburg
Henry, T. M., licen.	Cedar Hill
Hutchinson, John, licen.	Polkton
Ledbetter, R. S.,	E. Rockingham
McLean, D. N., elder	Fayetteville
McNeil, David, elder	Broadway
Mercer, Miles, licen	Lumberton
Paul, Joseph, licen.	"
Phillips, L., elder	Fair Haven
Phillips, J., lic.	Harpers x Roads
Pool, John S., licen.	Troy
Sanders, Harday, elder	Big Oak
Smith, N. McN.,	E. Laurinburg
Smith, J. C., licen	Rockingham
Stuart, James, licen	New Hill
Townsend, J., licen	Lumberton
Webb. Leonard, elder	Dudo

NEWBERN DISTRICT.

Butt J. F., elder	Newbern
Best, Major T.,	Goldsboro
Brogden, J. T., licen.	Goldsboro
Becton, F. S., elder	Harlowe
Dixon, Joseph,	Fowel
Edwards, J. A., dea.	Hookerton
Gay, W. J., deacon.	Wilson
Gurganus, J. W., elder	Newbern
Howell, Curtis,	Goldsboro
Hancock, W. B., licen.	Smyrna
Hoover, E. D., elder.	Straits
Jones, W. F.,	Grifton

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

Anderson, J. H., E.,	Oregon
Alspaugh, John, elder	Mt. Tabor
Barber, S. T.,	Reidsville
Brooks, W. G.,	Randleman
Brown, W. A., eld.,	Greensboro
Bruton, Alexander,	Pekin
Burton, J. W., lic.,	Thomasville
Blosser, J. W., elder	Greensboro
Cecil, C. A., licen.,	High Point
Clemons, S. S., lic.,	Walkertown
Coffin. B. F.,	Randleman
Craft, A. M., elder	Vienna
Craven, E. A., lic.,	Kemp's Mills
Dixon, Dr. B. F.,	eld. Greensboro
Doub, Newton, licen.,	Vienna
Doub, J. B., licentiate,	"
Field, Daniel, eld.,	Leaksville
Gretter, R. M., licen.,	Red Cross
Gregson, Amos, eld.,	Randleman
Hicks, M. D.,	Lassiter's Mills
Jefferson, J. H., eld.,	Winston
Kirkham, A. G., dea.,	Friendship
Kisler, S. F, lic.,	Greensboro
Koontz, C. A.,	- Lexington
Long, S., elder,	- Salem
Marsh, B. E., deacon,	Mt. Gilead
Martin, J., lic.,	Walkertown
Mendenhall, A. L.,	Randleman
Mellaway, G. F.,	Greensboro
Miller, Joseph, deacon,	Salem
Mock. J. C., lic.,	Vienna
Petree, J. E., deacon,	Mt. Tabor
Rice, J. M.,	- Ashland
Setliff, J. J., deacon,	Rusk
Stafford, R. M., lic.,	Oak Ridge
Surratt, Robert,	Jackson Hill
Thompson, J. P.,	Lassiter's Mills
Troy, T. L., elder,	Liberty
Ware, W. P.,	- Reidsville

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Waymick, J. M., deacon "
White, J. H., elder, Winston

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

Allison, J., licen. Old Fort
Ashley, W. F., licen. Dresden
Blackburn, G., licen. Elk x Roads
Blackburn, H.B., dea. " " "
Brown, S. W., licen. Sparta
Brown, John, Greenlee
Cole, W., licen. Topia
Cole, T. M., licen. Weaverville
Dula, T. M., licen. Weaverville
English, A.F., lic. Davidson Riv
Felts, T. B., licen. Backersville
Gibbs, W., licen. Celo
Gibson, J., licen. Town Creek
Gillespie, J. F., licen. Leicester
Greer, C. M., licen Horse Shoe
Hawkins, J. M., licen. Asheville
Hunter, A. B., lic. Weavervslle
Horton, A. D., licen. Micaville
Huston, T., licen. Bald Creek
Lamb, J.R., licen. Warm Springs
Miller, W. G., licen. Asheville
McCampbell, J. M., lic. Burnsville
Neice, J. E., licen. Helton
Pease, L. L., elder. Asheville
Penly, G.W., eld. Hominy Creek
Penland, R., licen. Leicester
Reagan, Dr. J.A., eld. Weaverville
Reaves, J. A., licen. Cross Rock
Romans, J. M., licen. Sparta
Roberts, T.W., lic. Laurel Branch
Summers, T. P., licen. Asheville
Sutherland, J., lic. Weaverville
Tilman, J.L., lic. Hendersonville
Vandiver, J.W. eld. Weaverville
Ward, W., licen. Asheville
Weaver, A., licen. Apple Grove
Whittington, N.G., E. Asheville

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

Brooks, J. S., elder. Hayesville
Carpenter, C.M., lic. Waynesville
Carter, Isaac, licen. Hayesville
Cole, W. T. Sugar Grove
Combs, Newton, Mast
Cooper, J., licen. Robbinsville
Cordell, Z. V., deacon Sanoma
Curtis, C. R., licen. Hayesville
Curtis, M. H., licen. Otto
Fugat, C.B., de. Cashier's Valley
Gentry, Budd, Jefferson
Hampton, E. H., dea. Whittier
Ketron, R. G., elder. Hayesville
McGee, W., lic. Jonathan's Creek
McLean, P. P., elder. Whittier
Osborne, Geo. W., Mast
Patton, Dr. J. W., licen. Murphy
Phillips, B.R., dea. Pigeon River
Richardson, Sam'l, E. Hayesville
Renno, H., licen. Pigeon River
Rogers, W. L., licen. Fines Creek
Smathers, Dr. H.A., D. Pig'n R'r
Terrell, J. W., licen. Sonoma
Wild, B. G., licen. Webster
Weaver, Traves, Helton
Wilson, W. C. Southerland

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Abernethy, M. A., lic. Catawba
Abernethy, R. L., E Ruth'd Col
Austin, G. H., lic. Gibbs' Store
Brown, David, eld. Mooresville
Brown, J. C., licen Marion
Bush, J. A., licen. Granite Falls
Drum, Geo. P., licen. Maiden
Goode, D.P., eld. Connely Springs
Harman, F. A., lic. " "
Healen, J. L., dea. Lenoir
Houk, W. K., licen Morganton
Holler, M. A., dea. Granite Falls
Jurney, Dr. P. C., elder. Olin
Kaylor, F. R., elder Morganton
Kaylor, M. L., elder. Marion
Kaylor, N. H., eld. Harland
Killian, W. C. C., dea. Newton
Kennedy, J. W. Ruther'd College
Morrow, D.F., E. Rutherfordton
Montgomery, J. S., licen Lenoir
Nelson, W. S., licen Taylorsville
Norman, Isaac, licen. Westfield
Norton, W. S. Elk Shoal
Plyler, M. T., licen. Statesville
Plyler, A. W., licen. Statesville
Payne, J. N. licen. Morganton
Rush, John, licen. Wilkesboro

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Sherrill, J.A., lic.	Mount'n Creek	Kendall, T. W., elder,	Long Pine
Sherrill, Robert L., licen.	Lenoir	New, J. C.. lic.,	- Pee Dee
Somers, J. N., elder.	Morganton	Overcash, Elias, lic.,	Charlotte
Stimson, D. C., elder.	Lenoir	Page, G. A. lic.,	"
Wells, A. N., elder.	Mt. Holly	Price, J. M., lic.,	Price's Mills
		Stowe, J. H., lic.,	Clear Creek
SHELBY DISTRICT.		Starrette. F. S., dea.	Charlotte
Burnett, C., lic.	Rutherfordton	Tarlton, J. B,, dea.	Unionville
Bell, W. T. R., lic.,	"		
Cornelius, J. L.,	Mooresville	SALISBURY DISTRICT.	
Dixon, E. L., lic.,	Bellwood	Brown, David, eld..	China Grove
Freeman, F. M..	Sunshine	Coburn, A. L., deacon,	"
Havalaer, J. J., lic.,	Plateau	Litaker, D. M., lic.,	Concord
Haynes, N. H., lic.,	Shelby	Murchison, A., eld.,	Farmington
Heiton, Robert, lic.	Jacob's Fork	Potts, Daniel, lic.,	Shady Grove
Hoke, F. J., lic.	Lincolnton	Plyler, C., elder,	Salisbury
Hoyle, J. T., lic.,	Camp Creek	Simpson, Jacob, lic.,	Concord
Kennedy, J. A., lic.,	Iron Stati'n	Shaver, I. M., elder,	Gold Hill
Redfearn, R., lic..	Polkville	Walker, Vincent, eld.,	Callahan
Moon, D. P., lic.,	Duncan Creek	Williams, W. P., eld.	Dav'n Col
Morris, Josiah, lic.,	———		
Smith, L. L., lic.,	Shelby	MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.	
Tate, Daniel' lic.,	- Ferry	Austin, D.. licen.	Jarvisburg
Womack, W. W.,	Poplar Grove	Dutcher, G.. elder,	"
		Jordan, A. S., licen.,	Hertford
CHRLOTTE DISTRICT.		Jordan, Costin, elder,	Sunbury
Abernethy, J. W., eld.	Matthews	Neil. John, licen.,	Union
Cherry, W. S. C.	"	Payne, S., licen.,	Stumpy Point
Belk, J. A., elder,	Monroe	Whidbee, W., licen.,	windfall
Edwards, A. E., lic.,	Charlotte	Whitson, Col. J.. licen.,	Manteo
Ellington. F. S., dea.,	Mint Hill	Whitehead, W., licen.,	Belvidere
Fincher. B. F., lic.,	- Stout		
Flow, Dr. W. M.,	Clear Creek		

NOTE.—There are yet some inaccuracies in the roll of members. These defects will be overcome as soon as the Presiding Elders give a little attention, and send me revised lists. They can give an absolutely accurate list.

SECRETARY.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the Nortth Carolina Local Ministers' Conference, and shall be govered by this constitution and such by-laws as shall hereafter be adopted, all of which shall be in accordance with the discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The membership of this Conference shall consist of such Local Ministers and laymen as may be recognized by the Conference, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 2. The object of this Conference shall be the mutual benefit of its members, the extension of the gospel to the destitute regions, and to aid the regu'ar pastors in building up of the church at large.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Conference shall consist of a President, three Vice-Prisidents and a Financial Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, or otherwise.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Conference, deliver an annual address or sermon, and enforce a strict obedience to the constitution and by-laws.

SEC. 8. The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, collect and receive funds, and pay out the same as directed by the Finance Committee.

SEC. 4. The officers of this Conference shall constitute a Finance Committee, the President being chairman, which Committee shall direct the application of the funds of this Committee.

ARTICLE IV—CONTINGENT FUND.

The contingent fund shall consist of such moneys as may be collected from members and friends of the Conference, all of which, beyond the expenses of publishing and distributing the Minutes, shall be applied annually to the relief of such members and families of members, as the Finance Committee shall determine at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

MINISTERS OF N. C. CONFERENCE.—1891-92.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	NAME.	POST-OFFICE.
Adams, S. D., P. E.,	Carthage	Galloway, W. F.,	Forkade
Allred, B. C.,	Cary	Gattis, T. J.,	Durham
Anderson, H. B.,	Battleboro	Geddie, D. C.,	Harrell's Store
Ashby, J. M.,	Clayton	Gibbs, J. T., P. E.,	Jonesboro
Avent, I. W.,	Chalk Level	Giles, J. H. M.,	Margarettsville
Bailey, J. B.,	Lincolnton	Gilliam, R. B.,	Trenton
Barker, J. J.,	Raleigh	Glenn, E. C.,	Elm City
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Bishop, F. A.,	Durham	Grissom, W. L.,	Concord
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Bobbitt, J. B.,	Raleigh	Guthrie, T. W.,	Rockingham
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Cole, J. N.,	Raleigh	Ivey, T. N.,	Wilson
Coltrane, N. E.,	Snow Hill	Jackson, H. McR.,	Goldston
Cordon, J. H.,	Oxford	Jenkins, J. W.,	Durham
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Cuninggim, W. L.,	Henderson	Johnson, J. G.,	Cove
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Doub, W. B.,	Rockingham	Jurney, N. M.,	Mt. Olive
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Terrell, P. L.,	Denver	York, B. A.,	Lilesville
Thomas, J. C.,	Greensboro		

ABBREVIATED NOTES OF 1891 CONFERENCE.

The Conference met at Rutherford College July 22–26, 1891; Isaac N. Mann, presided. The following members and visitors attended: R. L. Abernethy, D. D., Isaac N. Mann, Levi Branson, D. D., W. P. Ware, J. W. Kennedy, Prof. A. T. Abernethy, Prof. Logan B. Abernethy, J. H. Hale, M. A. Holler, W. K. Houk, E. C. Smith, D. P. Goode, and F. A. Harman, members of the N. C. Local Ministers' Conference; J. G. W. Holloway, and W. W. G. Holloway of the Methodist Protestant Conference; T. H. Edwards and Zebedee Rush of the Western N. C. Conference; Charlie McKesson, Episcopal Evangelist; L. M. Nolen, Friend, and D. F. Stuart, Disciple.

Preaching and other religious services were held three times each day and until the close on Sunday night, the 26th. The correspondence was large, and the written reports showed a great amount of interest by the Local Preachers in nearly every section of the State.

Important reports were read on Temperance, Education, &c. A resolution was passed providing for an Evangelestic Bureau under the management of the Executive Committee—office at Raleigh. Dr. Whitaker was elected secretary. Officers elected for 1891–92 as follows: R. L. Abernethy, D. D. President; Isaac N. Mann 1st Vice-President; Alex. Walker 2nd Vice-President; W. K. Houk 3rd Vice-President; Levi Branson Secretary; W. P. Ware Special Financial Ag't; R. H. Whitaker, Ag't of Work Bureau.

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